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And maintain the prayer, and give the zakat, and bow along with those who bow [in prayer].

AL BAQARAH 43

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The Prophet called out,
"Who will vanquish this mighty warrior?"
A wave of silence washed over the ranks until Salman Farsi declared,
"The son of Imran is here!"

SNIPPETS FROM THIS EDITION!

RAJAB is amongst the four sacred months of the Islamic calendar in which war is considered forbidden!

RAJAB-SHA'BAAN-RAMADHAN EDITION



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SHA'BAAN: The month of celebrations of the personalities of Kerbala!

The respect of the holy month of Ramadhaan is that it should be called 'SHAHR ar RAMADHAN'

Respected & Honorable
MAULANA KUMAIL MEHDAVI

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WELCOME NOTE FROM

THE PRINCIPAL

Salaamun 'alaykum

Dear readers of Rajab, Sha'baan and Maah e Ramadhan edition of AL NOOR,

We dedicate this Bumper edition to our Ulama e Deen - in celebration of the birth of Baab e Madinatul 'Ilm - Ameerul Mo'mineen, Imam Ali Ibne Abi Talib (AS). Furthermore, the month of Rajab began with the wilaadat of Imam Muhammad al Baaqir - the one who laid the foundation for our scholars. Remembering them and all the maulooddeen of Rajab, Sha'abaan and Ramadhan, the theme of **Knowledge and our Ulama** (Scholars) was most apt for this edition.

The Holy Prophet (S) has said:

One who proceeds on a path in the *pursuit of knowledge*,
 God makes him proceed there with a path to the Garden (Paradise).
 And, verily, the angels spread their wings for the seekers of knowledge out of delight.
 Verily, every creature of the heaven and the earth asks forgiveness
 for the seeker of knowledge, even the fish in the sea.
 The merit of the 'ālim (the learned) over the 'ābid (the devout) is like
 the merit of the moon over the stars on a full moon night.
 The learned are the heirs of the prophets,
 for the prophets did not leave behind a legacy of wealth but that of knowledge.
 So whoever partakes of it derives abundant benefits.

(Al Kulaynī, al-Kāfī, vol. 1, Kitāb fadl al 'ilm, H. 1)

Through this beautiful narration, we learn that **seeking knowledge is amongst the best and most rewarding ways of spending one's time**. One of the main objectives of MIJS Online is also to help each of us learn, understand and implement our values and morals in every day life to get success in aakhirat.

We are so fortunate that we have a **relentless and dedicated team of teachers** who selflessly play their part in imparting knowledge to our students every week. They are following the footsteps of our blessed Ulama to educate the children and equip them with the tools and knowledge to face the challenges of the world.

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May Allah (SWT) help us continue this "Ilmi" journey to make ourselves better Shia's of our Imam (ATF).

InshaaAllah we all would have prepared ourselves to welcome the Holy Months with profound Istagfaar and Durood in the months of Rajab, Sha'baan & Ramadhan.

May Allah (SWT) accept our prayers and may this Maahe Ramadhan, we find ourselves performing the a'maals of Shab e Qadr with the zuhoor of our Imam (ATF).
Aameen ya Rabb!

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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Assalamu 'alaykum dear Readers,

Welcome to yet another promising issue of the AL NOOR E-magazine by MIJS Online. While we had planned to keep this a bimonthly newsletter, unfortunately due to unforeseen circumstances and a few hiccups, it only made sense to release this Issue as a quarterly edition - covering **the Holy months of Rajab, Sha'baan and Shahr Ramadhan.**

The Holy Prophet (S) is reported to have said, "Rajab is the month of Almighty God, Sha'baan is my month, and Ramadhan is the month of my people."

These are **90 days of Spirituality** and Allah (SWT) refers to it as the **days of devotion to Him.**

Allah (SWT) says in the Holy Qur'an,

وَذَكِّرْهُمْ بِأَيَّامِ اللَّهِ

"And remind them of Allah's days of favours." (Surah 14, verse 5)

It is without a doubt that these three months of the Islamic calendar are included as the **Days of Allah (SWT)**, with each day holding a specified merit and act of worship associated with it, as mentioned in books of supplication. Alhamdulillah, that we are blessed with yet another spiritual season.

Knowing that we are almost in the middle of Shahr Ramadhan, I pray that we have all managed to make the most of the preparatory months of Rajab and Sha'baan to finally reach the holy month of Ramadhan, inshaAllah!

Similar to our previous Issue, this one contains a lot of valuable contributions from students and staff related to historical and spiritual relevance to the three holy months.

Some newly featured articles include a very **enlightening interview with respectable scholar, Maulana Kumail Mehdavi** by our enthusiastic madressa student, **Syed Ali Naqi Zaidi of Grade 7 Boys.**

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Additionally, we were very fortunate to have had **a variety of well-planned and informational events** before and after the winter break in December - all of which were the result of creative planning and execution of our wonderful students and staff. You will find details of all these events reported in our **MIJS News corner**.

We have also started **a series of Illustrated Hadeeth & Verses of the Qur'an** - with special thanks and duas for beautiful contributions from **F.Z.creations**- another creative student of MIJS Online (name withheld on request for anonymity). The purpose behind the illustrated Ahadeeth & verses is, to be able to visualize and memorize the beautiful sayings of our Ma'sumeen (A) - and eventually apply them in our daily lives - InshaAllah.

During the compilation of this issue, we had received the sad news of the passing away of renowned and eminent scholar, **(late) Allamah Mohsin Ali Najafi**. MIJS Online has included **a special tribute** recognizing his immeasurable contributions to the Muslim Ummah. May Allah (SWT) place (late) Allamah in the proximity of the Ahlulbayt (A) - Ameen.

I hope that this edition has lots to offer to readers of all ages - as our students and staff have beautifully used AL NOOR E-magazine as a creative outlet to express their deeper understanding and passion for our Deen. Our e-magazine's Creative team also strives to gather material that is rather *reflective* versus being *factual* - with the intention of encouraging and sharing more practical ways to connect with Allah (SWT) and the Ahlulbayt (A).

I will end here with gratitude to Allah (SWT) and the Holy Ma'sumeen (A) for enabling us to successfully compile yet another valuable edition.

May Allah (SWT) accept our humble efforts to produce this beautiful edition, and may He reward each and everyone involved in this achievement, with His limitless blessings in these sacred months - Aameen.

Wassalam

Sadaf Ali Zaheer

(Editor)

Rajab Al Murajjab

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Rajab is amongst the four months of the Islamic calendar during which war is considered forbidden *

* except in response to aggression

IMPORTANT FASTS	EASY DAILY AMAALS FOR KIDS
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LESSONS FROM THE LIFE OF IMAM BAQIR (A)

By Syeda Urooj Fatima (Grade 12 Girls)

Muhammad Ibn Ali Al-Baqir (Peace be on him)

Name: Muhammad.

Title: al-Baqir (meaning - the Splitter of knowledge)

Agnomen: Abu Ja'far.

Father's name: Ali Zaynu'l-'Abidin.

Mother's name: Fatimah bint al-Hasan, known as Umm 'Abdillah.

Birth: In Medina, on Tuesday, 1st Rajab 57 AH.

Death: Poisoned at the age of 57, in Medina on 7th Dhi'l-hajjah 114 AH

Buried: Jannatul-Baqi', in Medina.

Step into the rich tapestry of Islamic history and discover the captivating narrative of Imam Muhammad al-Baqir (A), a luminary whose life story transcends centuries, leaving a trail of wisdom that beckons seekers of profound insights. As we delve into his remarkable journey, prepare to be captivated by lessons that resonate with the essence of knowledge, compassion, resilience, and spiritual connection!

1. Embarking on the quest for knowledge: Imam al-Baqir's thirst for knowledge transforms the pursuit of wisdom into a thrilling quest. Imagine a world where education is not just a task but an exhilarating adventure, a lifelong journey of discovery that propels us beyond the confines of the ordinary!

2. Compassion beyond boundaries: Amidst the tumultuous backdrop of adversity, Imam al-Baqir (A) emerges as a beacon of compassion, challenging us to embrace empathy without reservation. His teachings weave a narrative that transcends cultural and religious differences, inviting us to partake in a universal practice of kindness that knows no boundaries.

3. Resilience - virtuous symphony: The echoes of Imam al-Baqir's resilience resonate through time, turning life's challenges into a virtuous symphony. Picture a melody of strength and patience that accompanies us through the highs and lows, inspiring us to navigate our own journeys with unwavering determination.

4. Spiritual connection: In the quiet moments of contemplation, we find Imam al-baqir's (a.s) spiritual connection, a profound exchange with the Divine. Imagine a life where every prayer is a conversation with the creator, and each reflection unveils a deeper understanding of one's purpose—a journey filled with moments of awe and serenity.

As we unravel the layers of Imam Muhammad al-Baqir's (A) life, we unearth a treasure trove of timeless lessons waiting to be embraced. In studying aspects of his life, one can experience an expedition of the spirit, where the pursuit of knowledge becomes an adventure, compassion knows no bounds, resilience turns challenges into symphonies, and spiritual connection transforms existence into a meaningful sojourn.

The story of Imam al-Baqir (A) is not just a historical account but an invitation to a transformative experience!

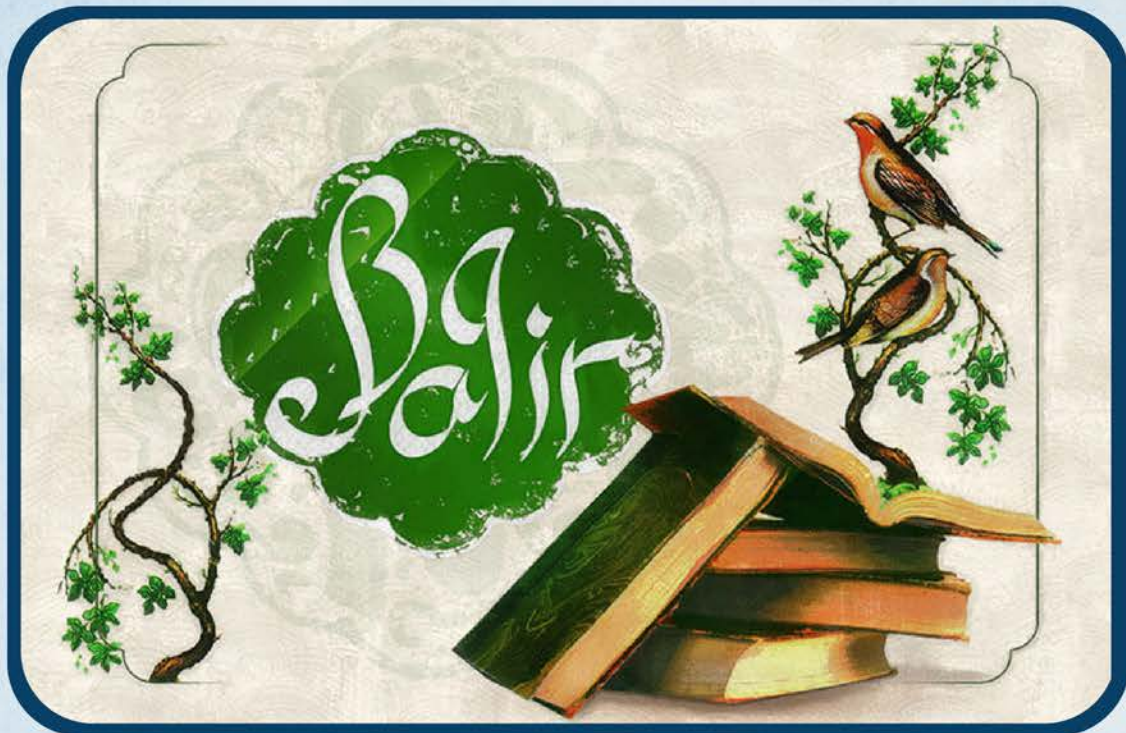


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HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW ABOUT Imam Ali An Naqi (A)

Imam Ali An Naqi Al Hadi(as)

Write the names of the two Imams that come before and come after Imam AlHadi(as)

Imam

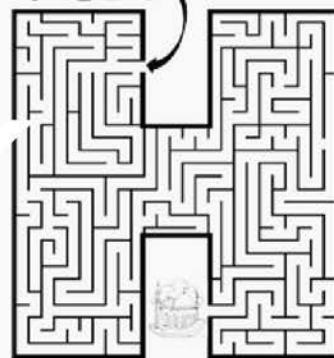
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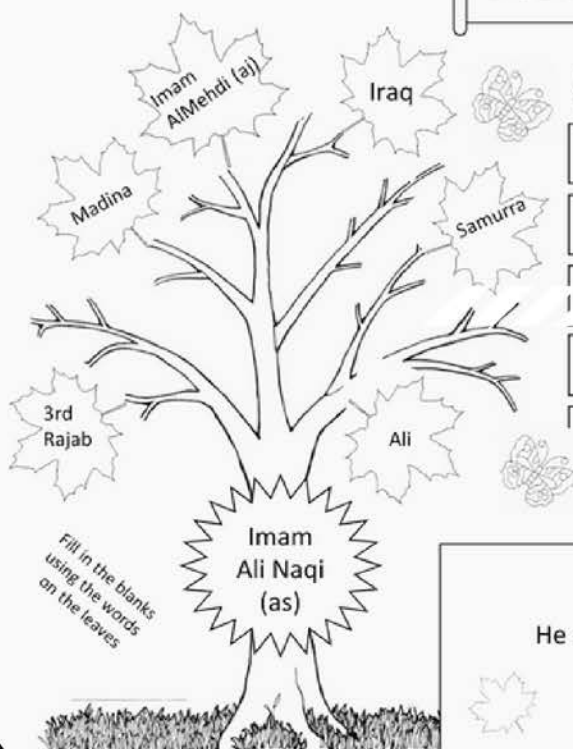
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Help us reach the Masjid!



Letter H stands for Imam



Imam AlHadiwas born in

His first name is

He was poisoned then died on and was buried in

He is the grandfather of



CELEBRATING THE BIRTH OF IMAM ALI AN NAQI (A)

by Teacher Shan e Zehra Jemani

*In wisdom's light, a beacon stood,
Imam Ali An Naqi (A) - noble and good,
Guiding hearts with patience profound,
In trials his virtues astound;*

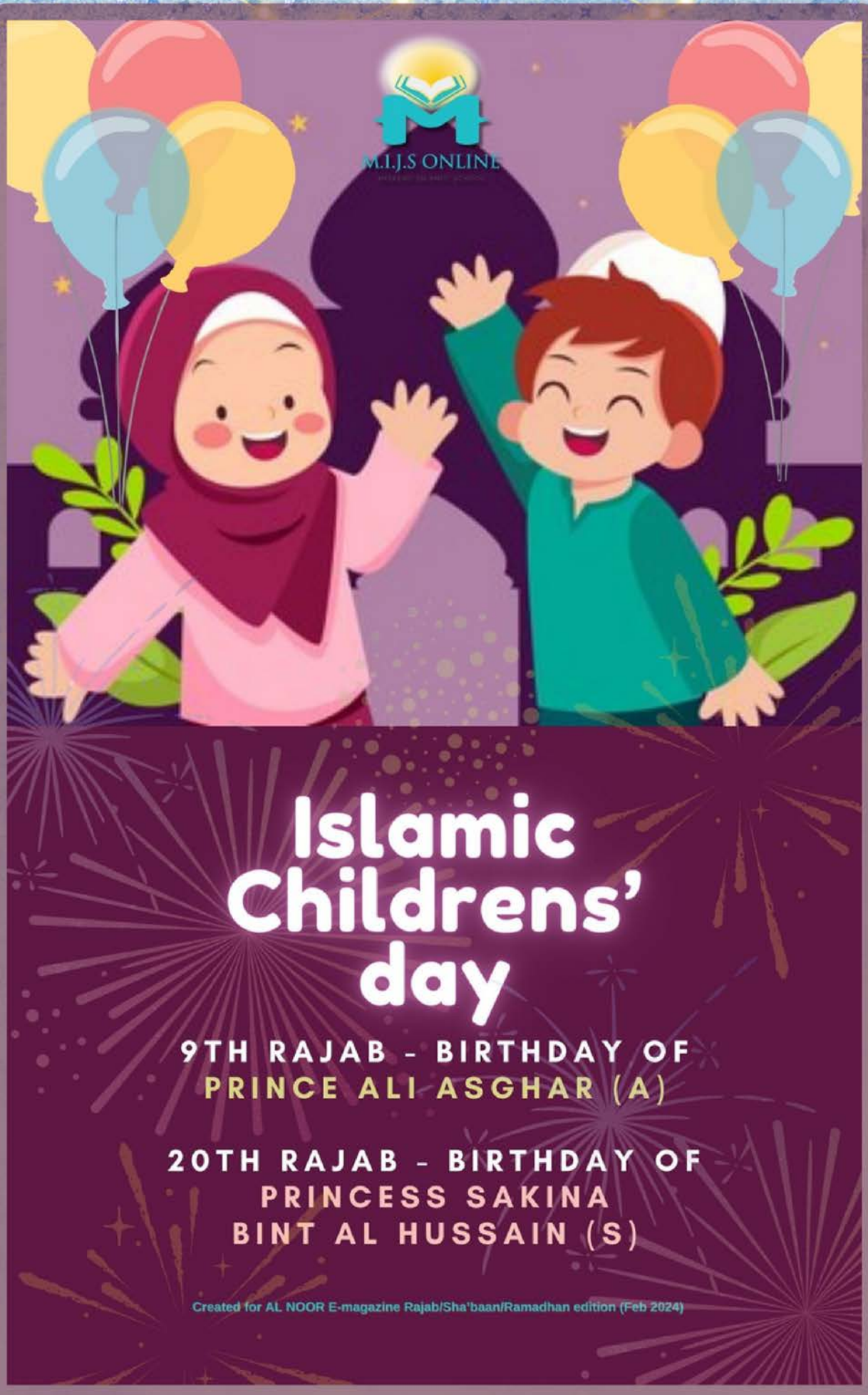
*The tenth in line, from Ali's kin,
A paragon of virtue within,
Knowledge adorned his gentle soul,
Compassion and grace made him whole.*

*A guardian of faith, in troubled days,
His wisdom shone in myriad ways,
resplendent in piety's embrace
a leader adorned with God's Grace.*

*Through trials and tribulations dire,
His spirit soared, ablaze like fire,
In service to truth, unwaveringly true,
His legacy echoes - pure and true.*

*Imam Ali An Naqi (A), a luminary bright,
In hearts of believers, an eternal light,
His teachings and virtues forever soar,
Guiding humanity forevermore.*

علي بن محمد الهادي



Islamic Childrens' day

9TH RAJAB - BIRTHDAY OF
PRINCE ALI ASGHAR (A)

20TH RAJAB - BIRTHDAY OF
PRINCESS SAKINA
BINT AL HUSSAIN (S)

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CHILDREN'S DAY

By Muhammad Ibrahim (Grade 3)

As salaam o Alaikum my dear friends,

We are going to celebrate our favourite day:

ISLAMIC CHILDREN'S DAY in the month of Rajab. Rajab itself is a very special month for all of us . In this month we celebrate our first Imam's birthday and Fathers day as well .

As a kid, Children's Day is a very special occasion for me . On this day, we get gifts from our parents, and they make us feel very special. As we are talking about children's day, how can we forget our inspirations? How can we forget those kids who gave their lives for us and for Islam? How can we forget our two super kids: Bibi Sakina Bint Al Hussain (A) and Hazrat Ali Asghar (A). Yes, I'm talking about the wonderful children of Imam Hussain!

Bibi Sakina (A) - the little Hashemite princess

Bibi Sakina (A) was the youngest daughter of Imam Hussain (A) and Bibi Rubab (A). She was born on 20th of Rajab, 57 Hijri, in Madina. Her real name is Ruqqayah bint Al Hussain (S). Bibi Sakina (S) was a lovely child, full of love and happiness, and everyone loved her very much. She was also known as a very religious little girl who enjoyed reading Qur'an. **Her love for the Holy Qur'an showed in the fact that she was a haafiz-e Qur'an at the tender age of 4.**

Bibi Sakina (S)'s inspirational story begins when she joined her father Imam Hussain (A) against the military of Yazeed in Karbala. She was very young that time. **Bibi Sakina (A) had to watch her uncle Hazrat Abbas (A), her brother Ali Akbar (A), Ali Asghar (A) and her father Imam Hussain (A) being martyred in the battle of Karbala. After Imam Hussain (A) passed away, the little girl suffered a lot of hardship and oppression.**

While she was imprisoned in the palace of Yazeed and was detained in a dark prison, she was prohibited from crying over the death of her father Imam Hussain (A). One night she woke up, crying and screaming for her father, Imam Hussain (A). When Yazeed heard those voices he ordered his servant to send them Imam Hussain (as)'s head which was placed in a silver tray. When Bibi Sakina (A) saw her father's head she cried so hard, for so long, but suddenly, she fell silent. Imam Zain ul Abideen (A), as who was her brother, thought she was asleep but after that he noticed the little girl Bibi Sakina stopped breathing and she died. She died in Damascus on 13th safar in the year of 61 Hijri. She was just 4 years old.

Hazrat Ali Asghar (A)

He was born on 9th of Rajab 60 Hijri in Madina.

He was the youngest child of Imam Hussain (A).

He was the youngest child in the battle of Karbala.

He was only 6 months old when the battle of Karbala was fought.

From 7th Muharram there was not a single drop of water in the camps. Hazrat Ali Asghar (A) was in great pain because of thirst. On the day of Ashura when everyone was killed, Imam Hussain (A) was standing outside the camps and he prepared himself for the battle, all of a sudden, he heard that Ali Asghar (A) was crying. Imam (A) walked into the Bibi Rubab's camp (mother of Bibi Sakina (S) and Ali Asghar (A), lifted the baby and said to Rubab (A) "I'm going to take him to Yazeed's army, and I'm sure they will not deny to give him few drop of water".

Bibi Rubab changed Ali Asghar (A) clothes. Then Imam Hussain (A) carried the son to the battle field. Walking up to the Yazeed's army Imam Hussain (A) said "*This child will not harm you, he is dying of thirst, it is my request to give him some drops of water*". But they laughed and denied to give him even a drop of water. Then, Imam Hussain (A) asked Ali Asghar (A) "Oh my son, show them how thirsty you are!" Then Ali Asghar (A) turned his head towards the enemies. He smiled, opened his mouth and brought his dry tongue out and moved it over lips. **Yazeed's army was so moved by him and they started crying, but still they were afraid of Yazeed and none of them came forward to give him water.**

Umar Saad was worried. He thought that Ali Asghar's (A) innocence will melt his soldiers' hearts and they might go against Yazeed. So he ordered Hurmala - who was a famous archer - to pin down Imam Hussain's baby. Hurmala aimed his arrow to Ali Asghar (A) and it pierced the neck of little Ali Asghar (A) and he lodged on the chest of Imam Hussain (A). Imam Hussain (A) looked at the sky and prayed "*Ya Allah give me courage in this most difficult moment of my life*"

So, Hazrat Ali Asghar (A) was martyred on the day of Ashura as a brave and youngest martyr of the battle of Karbala.

This whole story tells us that no matter how young you are, you can make a big difference and impact if you are on the path of truth and obedience of your imam.

On this occasion of Children's day, we should never forget to follow the footprints of Baby Ali Asghar (A) and Bibi Sakina (S). May Allah give us courage to follow Ahlubayt (A) and count us in the army of Imam-e Zamaana (ATF) - InshaAllah!

SMALLEST FROM ALLAH IS THE GREATEST OF THEM ALL

By Raza Haider (Grade 4)

Nothing is small sent by Allah (SWT) but as per physical world Janabe Ali Asghar (A) was the smallest soldier of Imam Hussain's army.

The Kuffaar of Makkah were unable to give the reply of the smallest Surah 'Al Kauthar'.

In another historic battle, Allah sent the smallest bird "Ababeel" to defeat the Abraha's elephant brigade.

Hence in the light of Qur'an, it's a proven doctrine that the smallest from Allah is always Victorious.

Janabe Ali Asghar (A) is an exemplary character we can look at in Islamic history. Born on 9th Rajab 60 Hijri and martyred on 10th Muharram 61 AH, with a life span of 6 months - he has given the best example to his followers, how to obey the command of Imam-e-waqt and how to become a 'Naasir' of Imam-e-Zamana (ATF) and the religion of Islam irrespective of age.

The enemies who meticulously tried to stop Janaab e Abbas (A) from carrying water to the thirsty children - were taken down by Ali Asghar (A) by just showing the level of his thirst - and started crying in remorse. And finally it was the smallest of Hussain's Army who is the Victorious one forever.

*I will end with four lines of an honorable poet of the
Ahlulbayt (A) - Sir Bilal Kazmi - on Janabe Ali Asghar (A):*

Naasirane Shahewala mei na Thi Umr Ki Qaid
ناصرانے شہپواال مے نہ تھی امر کی قید

Chalne Walo Ke Bhi Aage The Na Chalne Wale
چلنے والوں کے بھی آگے تھے نہ چلنے والے

To Aidiyan Pyas se Asghar (AS) ne Nahi Ragdi Thi
تو آئیاں پیاس سے اصغر نے نہیں رگڈی تھیں

Paon Dikhlaye the Bayyat ko Kuchalne Wale
پاؤں دکھالے تھے بیت کو کچلنے والے



BIBI SAKINA (S) & HZ ALI ASGHAR (A)

By Mohsin Abbas Zaidi (Grade 3)



Happy
children day

*In the realm of time, on this special day
Bibi Sakina & Hz Ali Asghar, a tale to convey
A birthday celebration but the heart feels a weight
Of a sorrowful journey sealed by fate.*

*Bibi Sakina's smile, a celestial glow
Amidst the shadows of Karbala's woe.
Hz ali Asghar's laughter, a melody rare,
Echoes in the breeze, a poignant air.*

*Yet in this moment, let joy arise,
As we remembered them with tearful eyes.
A birthday tribute to souls so divine,
In our hearts their legacy will always shine!*

*We cake and candles we mark the year
Yet in their story, a birthday we revere,
Bibi Sakina & Hz Ali Asghar, a timeless rhyme
In sorrow and celebration, bound by time.*

A GLIMPSE ON THE LIFE OF IMAM TAQI (A)

By Abiha Jafar (Grade 10 Girls)

Introduction:

Imam Muhammad Bin Ali (A) - known more by his title Taqi (or the pious one) - is our ninth Imam. He was born on 10th Rajab 195 A.H. in Medina and was martyred when he was only 25 years of age on 29th Zilqaad 220 AH. He was buried next to his grandfather, Imam Musa Kazim (A) in Kadhmain, Iraq. As a matter of fact, the city of Kadhmain (or the two Kaadhims) has acquired its name from Imam Musa Kaadhim (A) and Imam Muhammad Taqi (A), the two Kaadhims.

His Family:

His first marriage was to Ummul Fazl, the daughter of Mamoon, the Caliph of the time. His second marriage was to a Nubian lady from the same clan as Ammar Yasir, the Prophet's dear companion. Her name was Sumannah. She was the mother of our tenth Imam, Ali Naqi (A).

According to Mufid, the Imam had one more son, named Musa and two daughters, Fatima and Imama.

Childhood – Imamate:

He spent the first five years of his life with his father, and He was the first among Imams from the House of the Prophet to have been separated from his father at a very young age. *At the time of the martyrdom of Imam Reza (A) Imam Taqi (A) was only nine years old.*

An Inspiration of 'Humility':

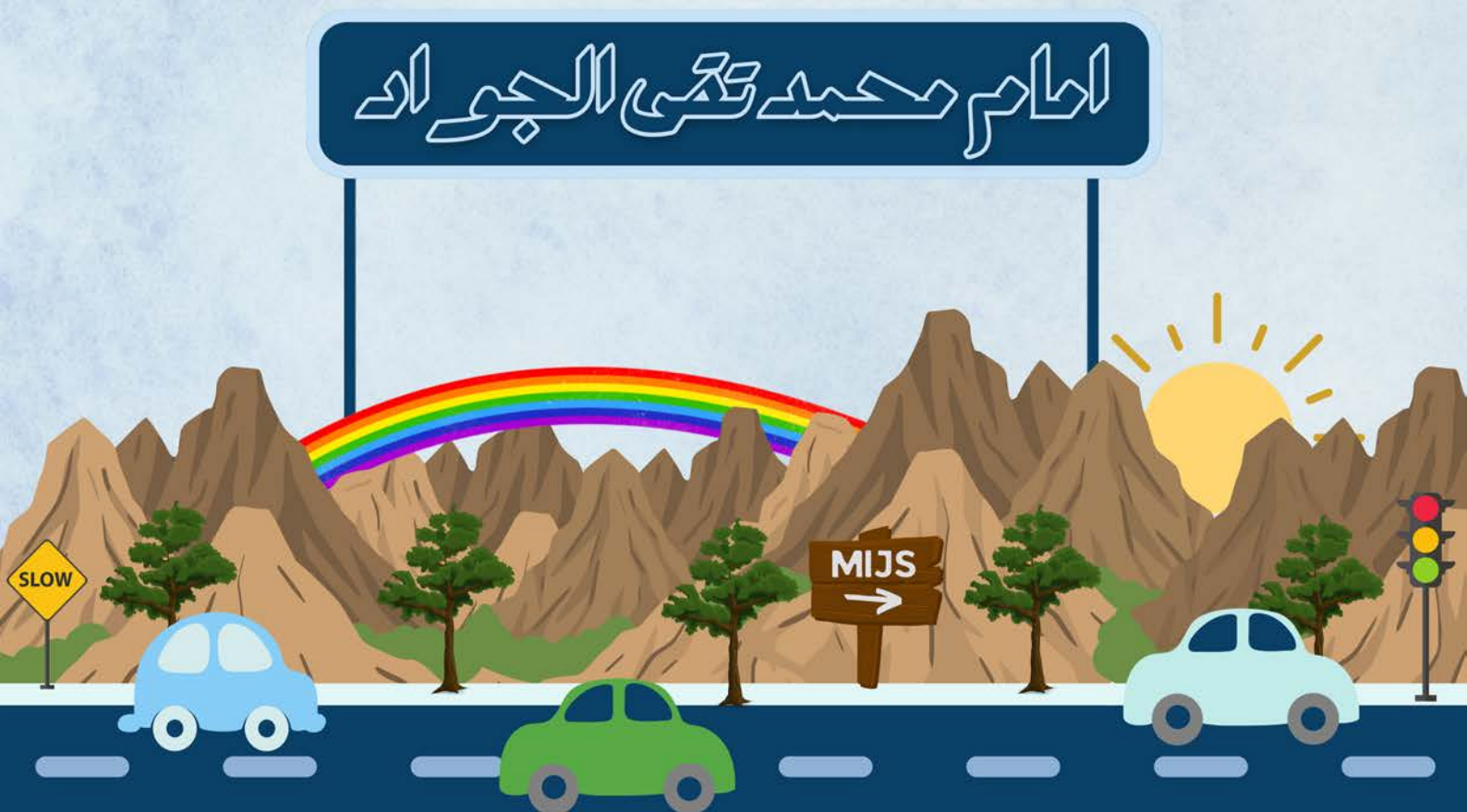
His unsurpassable knowledge, and his high position in the court of Mamoon and his special relationship with Mamoon as his father-in-law never got into the head of our Imam (A). His close friends who had expected his living-style and his behavior towards them to change after his marriage to the princess of the land were shocked to see that he remained as humble as before.

Once Imam (A) was very sick. A visitor came to see him for some urgent matters. Imam's family members wanted to send away the visitor, but the Imam (A) saw he must meet him. The Imam (A) was helped by his servants to get out of his bed. The visitor had wished that the Imam (A) would visit the former's father who was on his deathbed and wanted to relate his will to the Imam before dying. The visitor then said, "But seeing your condition, I cannot ask you to come with me to see my father." The Imam (A) insisted on visiting the sick person and did so despite his own sickness.

Conclusion:

Despite the sickness, Imam Taqi (A) went to visit the sick. Here the humility of the Imam (A) inspires me to always be humble and caring with our close ones and the ones whom you've known for a short period of time. Not only did the Imam (A) show humility, but he also showed generosity, piety, bravery and more.

Words aren't enough to justify Imam Taqi's wonderful character - but like all the Imam's, he too was rightfully chosen by Allah (SWT) for his exemplary deeds and personality.



CELEBRATING ISLAMIC FATHER'S DAY!

By Fatima Ali (Grade 8 Girls)



Our fathers are one of the first role models we have in our lives. They provide us with all the necessities and more.

On the 13th day of Rajab, a sense of reverence fills the air as Shia Muslims around the world celebrate the birthday anniversary of Imam Ali (A). It is a time for families to come together, honoring both their earthly fathers and the spiritual father figure that Imam Ali (A) represents. Hence, it is an Islamic Father's day: devoted to fathers with the remembrance of Imam Ali (A).

Imam Ali (A) was born on 13th of Rajab, thirty years after the year of elephants (Aamul feel). He was born inside the Holy Ka'bah. A miracle happened when he was going to be born, the walls of the Ka'bah opened for his mother - Lady Fatima Bint Asad (S). Thereafter, she gave birth to him inside the House of Allah (SWT).

He was given a very high title. He was the first to believe in Islam, and supported Prophet Muhammad (S) through everything. The Prophet Muhammad (S) appointed him as his brother, guardian, and successor. Imam Ali (A) devoted his entire life to serving Allah with all his heart and soul; and everything he had.

He was an Imam for almost thirty years, and was among the first to accept the message of Prophethood. A few of Imam Ali's attributes include:

- *Eloquence*: He was eloquent and had great oratory. He knew how to explain himself among other people. In addition to that, Nahjul Balagha is a book compiled with his sermons, letters and sayings of Imam Ali (A) reflecting the profound wisdom and oratory that he possessed.
- *Infallible*: He was one of the fourteen infallibles - who was protected from errors, (sins and mistakes) and divinely appointed by Allah (SWT) as the Holy Prophet's rightful successor.
- *His Knowledge & Wisdom was incomparable*: One of the famous virtues among many that Imam Ali has is Knowledge and Wisdom from Allah swt. The knowledge and wisdom that Prophet Mohammed received was passed down to Imam Ali as he was his successor and inheritor. A very famous hadith back this up is: The Holy Prophet (S) has said "I am the city of Knowledge and Wisdom and Ali is its Gate".

Imam Ali (A) is indeed the finest example of the perfect man. In the words of the martyred scholar, Ayatollah Morteza Motahhari, if we take Imam Ali (A) as our role model and leader, we have made the perfect man our ideal, in whose dynamic personality reflects all humanitarian values that you can imagine.



**In a world full of superheroes,
my Dad is my favorite!**

-Fatima Ali (Grade 8 Girls)

CELEBRATING ISLAMIC

FATHER'S DAY

On 13th Rajab we celebrate the Birthday of Imam Ali (A) and we also celebrate Father's Day as Imam Ali (A) is our SPIRITUAL FATHER.



ACTIVITY 1: LET'S LEARN ARABIC WITH FUN

In Arabic, Father is known as (اب) and my father is called (ابي) so, let's colour it!

أحب أبي
I LOVE MY FATHER

ACTIVITY 2

Let's make a card for our father on this day and let's surprise him by helping your mother in making a special breakfast and don't forget to stick your picture with your dad on the card and choose any one of the designs discussed.

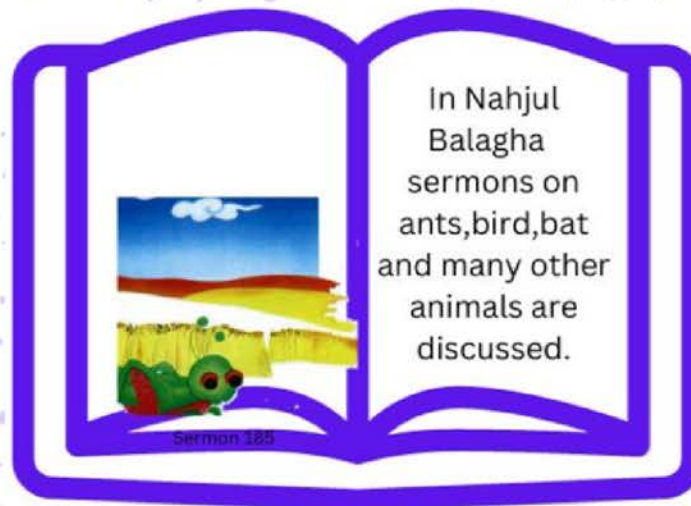
Decorate your card with lots of stars and flowers. You can also design a t-shirt shaped card for your father. The sample is given here:



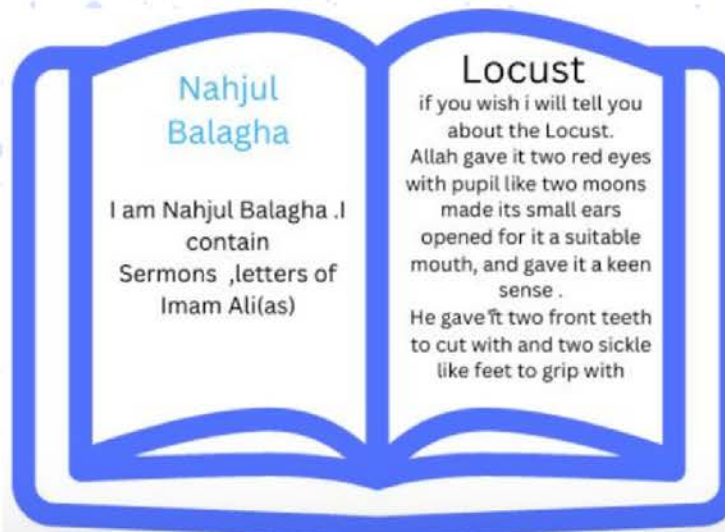
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ACTIVITY 3

In the end, let's make our spiritual father happy by doing this activity.



Lets Open Nahjul Balagha on the special day on
the Birthday Of Our Spiritual Father and read
One Sermon on the creation or about any animal
and increase our knowledge.

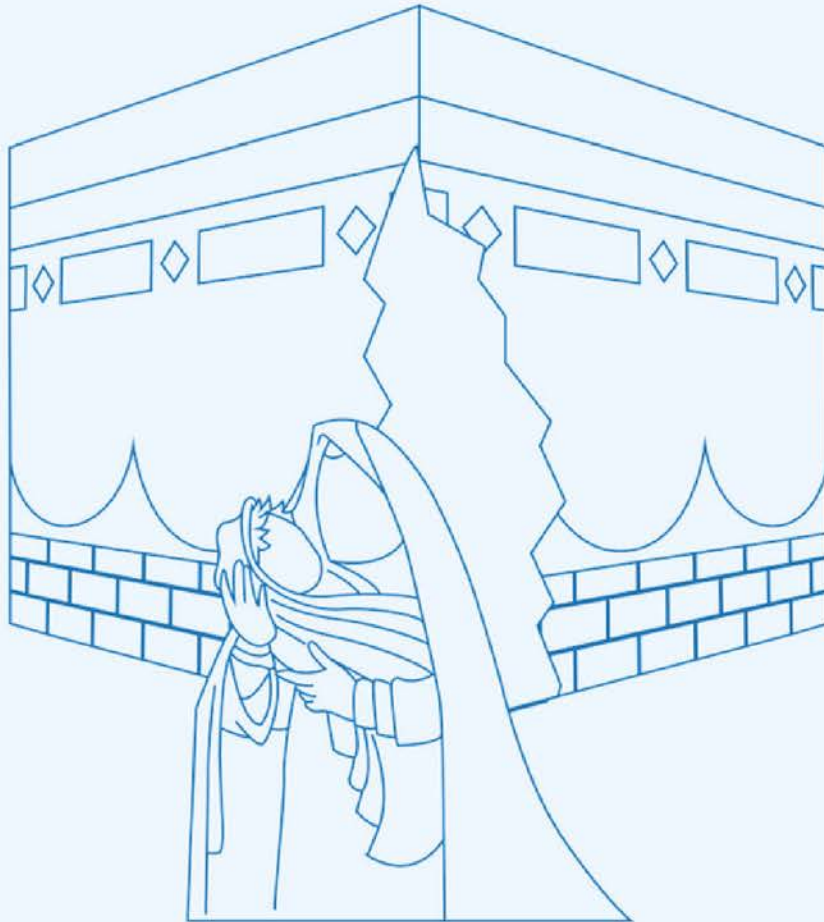


COLORING ACTIVITY

BIRTH OF IMAM ALI (A.S) IN KA'BAH

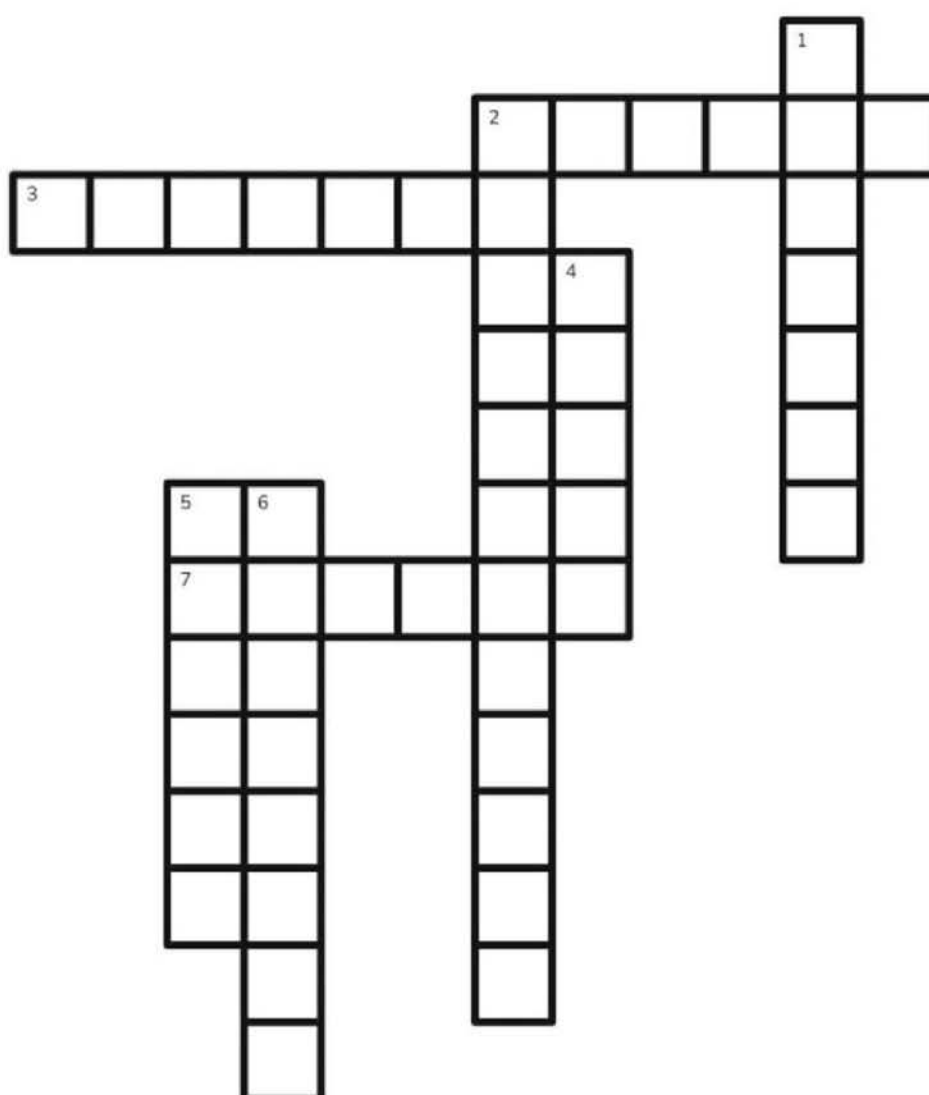
While Fatimah bint al-Asad was doing Tawaaf of the Ka'bah (circumambulation), the pain of childbirth overtook her and she immediately came towards the Ka'bah. By Allah's will the wall opened and she entered the House of Allah, stayed there for three days and gave birth to her son Imam Ali (A.S).

جب فاطمہ بنت الاسد خانہ کعبہ کا طواف کر رہی تھیں تو ولادت کی تکلیف نے انہیں گھیر لیا اور وہ فوراً خانہ کعبہ کی طرف بڑھیں۔ اللہ کے حکم سے دیوار شکافتہ ہو گئی اور وہ خانہ کعبہ میں داخل ہوئیں۔ وہاں تین دن رہیں اور اپنے بیٹے امام علی (ع) کو جنم دیا۔



HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW ABOUT Lady Zainab (S)

A TALE OF BRAVERY AND FAITH



Across

2. Sister of Imam Hussain
3. Known for her bravery and
7. Title given to her meaning "Lady of Suffering"

Down

1. Witnessed the tragedy of
2. Title given to her meaning "The Adorned One"
4. Bibi Zainab's eloquent sermon in the court of
5. Event where Bibi Zainab played a key role in preserving the message of Karbala
6. Shrine dedicated to her in Syria

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW ABOUT Princess Sakina (S)

Contributed by Ayra Fatima (Grade 9 Girls)



- What was the Islamic birthdate of Bibi Sakina and where was she born?
- What 2 other names was Bibi Sakina most commonly known by?
- Who was the maternal grandfather of Bibi Sakina?
- Bibi Sakina was the favourite niece of which one of her uncles?
- What gift did Imam Hussain (as) give Bibi Sakina and her cousin Bibi Ruqaiyya in Salabiya during the journey from Mecca to Karbala?
- Which lady, who lived in Koofah, asked Bibi Sakina to make two duas for her when she brought her water?
- Who comforted Bibi Sakina when she fell off her camel from the journey from Koofah to Shaam?
- When her veil was taken away from her, what did Bibi Sakina do instead and why?
- What did Bibi Sakina repeatedly say in Zindaan-e-Shaam as she held Imam Hussain (as)'s head?
- Who was Bibi Sakina buried by?



ANSWERS ON THE LAST PAGE

THE GREAT VICTORY OF KHAYBAR

By Sibte Jaffer (Grade 4)

The battle of Khaybar was fought in early 628 CE (7 AH) between the early Muslims, led by Prophet Muhammad (S), and the Arabian Jews living in Khaybar- an oasis located 150 kilometers from the city of Medina.

There was a Jewish army with whom the Muslim army -lead by the Holy Prophet (S)- was battling for forty consecutive days. They went to battle daily but returned without fighting Marhab- a highly skilled soldier of the opposition, who was very difficult to defeat.

As a final resort, the Holy Prophet (S) declared: "Listen to me carefully! Whoever kills Marhab and comes forward tomorrow to take our Flag- the banner of Islam (Alam)- from me will be given the title of 'Ghayr e Farrar' (He who never retrieves). All must then call him 'Karraar' (he who attacks repeatedly)."

Everyone began pondering for a while, asking themselves, "Who will then fight Marhab?" Salman Farsi laughed and exclaimed, "The son of Imran is about to come!"

As soon as the Prophet (S) called out to Imam Ali (A), he appeared faster than the wind. Imam Ali (A) then went to fight, holding the banner high. With a big smile, he called out to Marhab, "Remind yourself of your mother's warning and return home. I am known as Haider and your fight is going to be futile."

Unfortunately for himself, Marhab was too arrogant and declared, "I will definitely fight this battle!"

Imam Ali (A) then said, "Bismillah" (In the name of God), and began to fight with Marhab. He quickly killed Marhab and then advanced further, shattering the gate of the fortress of Khayber.

Imam Ali (A) then called out to his companions "Come! This is a timely blessing! So, take away the wealth of plunder, but do not forget who it rightfully belongs to. The Fadak belongs to Hazrat Fatima (S)."

According to many traditions, this great battle was fought and won on 24th Rajab 7AH - adding to the many joyous events in the holy month of Rajab to celebrate for the Muslim ummah.

COMMEMORATING BAABUL HAWAIJ - THE DOORWAY TO FULFILLED WISHES; IMAM MUSA IBN JAFER

By Ausaf Haider (Grade 5)

Our 7th Imam, Musa Ibne Ja'afer (A) - famously titled as Imam Musa Al Kaadhim (A) -was born on 7th Safar 128 AH at a place called Abwa (between Makkah & Madina). He spent 20 years with his father Imam Ja'afer Sadiq (A) and thereafter 35 years of his imaat. As a child, Imam Kaadhim (A) showed incredible wisdom and kindness. He would help people in need and teach them about the importance of helping others.

His most famous title was Al-Kaadhim (Anger Controller). He was known also as Al-Abd Al-Salih (The Righteous Servant of Allah). In Medinah, he was known as Zain Al-Mutahajjideen (The Greatest Worshipper)

After his death, another title was made for him that superseded other titles. That was Babul-Hawaij (the Gate to fulfilling needs), as he was known for his miracles and that his prayers for people were met with favorable responses.

Imam Al Kaadhim (A) was imprisoned for almost 14 years of his life - where he was transferred from the darkness of one prison to another and subjected to very harsh conditions. Still, the Imam always viewed the situation positively and prayed frequently. Imam (A) turned a tragedy into a blessing; he found the prisons as an opportunity to get closer to Allah (SWT).

The reason of the change of prisons was that Haroon - the evil governor at that time - asked each of the prison in-charges to kill Imam (A) but they did not submit to his will. So finally, on 25th Rajab 183 AH, the cruel Caliph, Haroon Rasheed, poisoned the food of Imam Musa Al-Kaadhim (AS) in the prison of Baghdad. The dose proved fatal and the Imam (A) attained martyrdom. At last Imam Musa Al Kaadhim (A) was buried in Kaadhimain amid the sorrow, grief and anguish of the people.

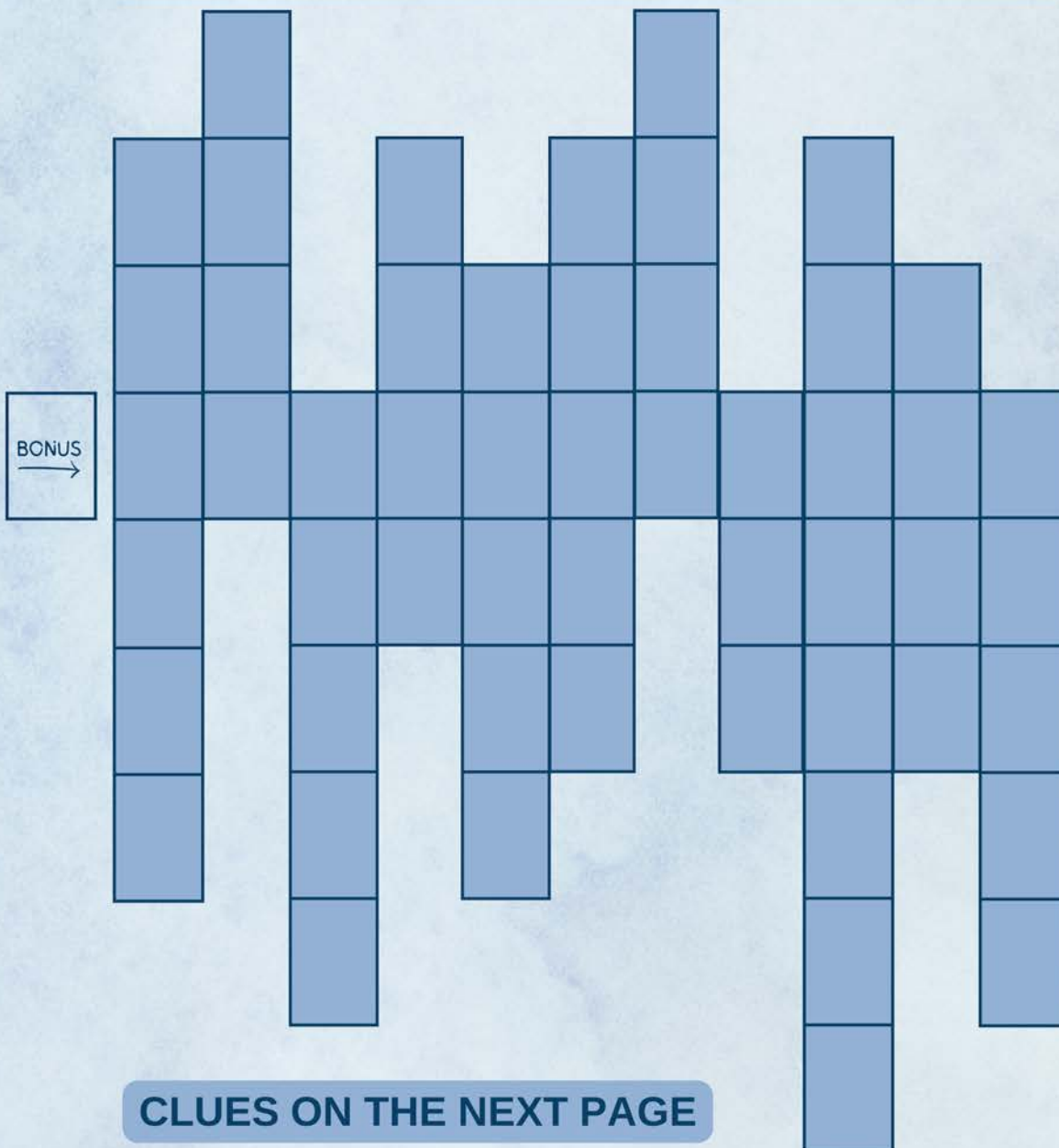
His tomb is still the center point of Shias. It is now a holy place, being visited by believers from all over the world, and a gate through which the sinners can pass to ask Allah for forgiveness, and the help-seekers for the fulfillment of their needs, as they believe that petitions for needs are never declined if they are in the realm of Imam Musa Al-Kadhim. *Such a belief made "Babul-Hawaij" (the Gate to fulfilling needs) the prominent title among other titles among the public.*

FUN & ACTIVITY:

Shab e Mi'raaj

by Abdullah Kirmani (Grade 5)

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FUN & ACTIVITY:

Shab e Mi'raaj

by Abdullah Kirmani (Grade 5)

Clues	
1	The Angel that accompanied the Holy Prophet (S) to the Heavens
2	The Holy Prophet's Journey from Makkah to Masjidul Aqsa is called ...?
3	One of the Prophets who met the Holy Prophet (S) on his journey
4	The Type of tree which marks the end of the 7th Heaven
5	The vehicle of the Holy Prophet (S) for his Journey
6	A Furoo e Deen that become obligatory after Mi'raaj
7	A Surah that mentions the Event of the Ascension
8	How Allah (SWT) referred to the Holy Prophet (S) in the beginning of Surah Bani Israil
9	The house where this event took place belonged to ...?
10	An Ulul Azm Prophet who had a discussion with the Holy Prophet (S)
11	The month in which this event took place
BONUS	Name of the House directly on top of the Holy Kabah which is the Qiblah for angels

ANSWERS ON THE LAST PAGE



EID E MAB'ATH: THE GREATEST DAY EVER



The day of Mab'ath is the formal appointment of the Last and Greatest Divine Messenger, of the Prophet Muhammad (S) - the person whose light God had created as the first ever creation eons ago when nothing had yet come into existence.

In the years before his mission, Prophet Muhammad (S) spent a lot of time in solitude, worshipping Allah (SWT). He would spend a month in solitude in a cave called Hira', in the mountains and would worship Allah (SWT) there.

After the month was completed, he returned to Mecca and circumambulated the Ka'bah seven times or more before returning home. He was in the cave of Hira' when the mission began and verses of the Qur'an were revealed to him (first 5 verses of Surah al Alaq). It is widely believed that the Prophet (S) was 40 years old at the beginning of his mission.

It is recorded that Prophet Muhammad (S) invited people secretly to Islam for three years after his mission. However, because of the order of the revelation of the verses of the Qur'an, some believe that the Prophet's (S) public invitation was carried out very shortly after the first revelation.

But who was the first and foremost to bear testimony to the mission of the Holy Prophet (S)? None other than his cousin, Imam Ali ibn Abi Talib (A), of course, who witnessed the glorious event of 27th Rajab in Cave Hira and which he so admirably relates in one of his famous sermons in the Nahj al-Balagha. Moreover, it was his testimony of the mission of Prophet Muhammad (S), as a ten-year boy which completed the kalema that every Muslim recites till this day: "Ash hado anna Muhammadan Rasoul-Allah (I testify Muhammad is the Messenger of Allah)."

Eid al-Mab'ath is an Eid for all human beings, not only for Muslims. In other words, it is an Eid for all of humanity, because Be'sat of the prophet revealed the utmost of God's mercy on mankind and humanity. Sending the Holy Prophet (S) on a mission to guide humankind, to lead humankind to their climax, is Allah's biggest grace on humanity.

The goal of Mab'ath is to wipe away the ultimate troubles in a society and the era of ignorance (Jahilliyah). Mab'ath is the day of returning to the divine nature. This is because all the sufferings, difficulties, and chaotic situations have been rejected in the divine nature of humankind, supporting truth, justice, and jihad in the way of the oppressed. In other words, the purpose of the prophets' Be'sat was to establish an ideal society.

The Holy prophet (S) was tasked with delivering the message of peace to humanity and declaring Allah's Oneness to idolaters and polytheists of the world. He was sent to confirm the essential teachings of monotheism as preached by earlier prophets, including Adam (A), Ibrahim (A), Musa (A) and Isa (A).

In one of his famous hadith, the Holy Prophet (S) has said: "I was the Prophet when Adam (A) was still in the (uncreated) state between water and clay."

No doubt, the mission of Prophet Muhammad (S) was foretold in all heavenly scriptures, which means that 27th Rajab was the day of formal Divine appointment of the Rehmatul-lil-'Aalameen: Mercy to all of Mankind, and thus a celebration for humanity.

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HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW ABOUT

Be'sat e Rasool (S)



CAN YOU FILL IN THE BLANKS USING THE WORDS AND PICTURES BELOW?



Bai'that of

Prophet Mohammed



Using the pictures and words below, fill in the blanks:

Prophet Mohammed (pbuh) was born in the year of the

in

His mother was and his father

He died and was buried in

Fasting

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Write 2 more recommended acts to do on day of Mabaath



Right or wrong?

The first two people he asked to become Muslims were his wife S Khadeeja and his cousin Imam Ali (as)

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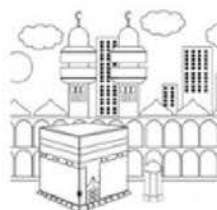
Prophet Mohammed (pbuh) was 40 years of age when he became a prophet of Allah

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The first surat that Prophet Mohammed (pbuh) received was surat Alfeel

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**Amina
Abdullah**



28TH RAJAB

IMAM HUSSAIN LEAVES FOR 'SAFAR E ISHQ'

28th of Rajab is that day that marks when Imam Hussain (A), grandson of Holy Prophet Muhammad (S), left Medina – the city of the Prophet (S) – and began his journey towards his martyrdom - Safar e Karbala.

He gave his will which manifested the objective of his journey to his brother, Muhammad bin Hanafiya- who remained in Medina.

Before his departure, he visited the holy graves of his grandfather Prophet Muhammad (S), his mother Fatimah Az-Zahraa (S) and brother Al-Hasan Al-Mujtaba (A) weeping bitterly.

As preparations were done, his daughter Fatima Sughra watched and hoped to go along. Imam Hussain (A) who was leaving her behind with a heavy heart told her:

"When you were born, my dear, I named you after my mother Fatima Zahra (S). You look like her, and your grandmother was also known as Saabira, which means the patient one.

I want you also to be a saabira and agree to stay in Madina."

Janaab e Fatima Sughra (S) displayed obedience and patience at such a young age.

This was also the day when the Prophet (S) had foretold: *"A day will soon come when my dearest Hussain will leave Medinah, in indescribable grief and pain to meet his fateful destiny, in a far off land with his family and few friends, a tiny band."*

As Hussain (A) left, this verse of Qur'an was on his lips -a verse which relates the story of Prophet Moses as he fled from Pharaoh's Egypt: "So as he departed therefrom, fearful and vigilant; he said, "My Lord, deliver me from the evildoers."

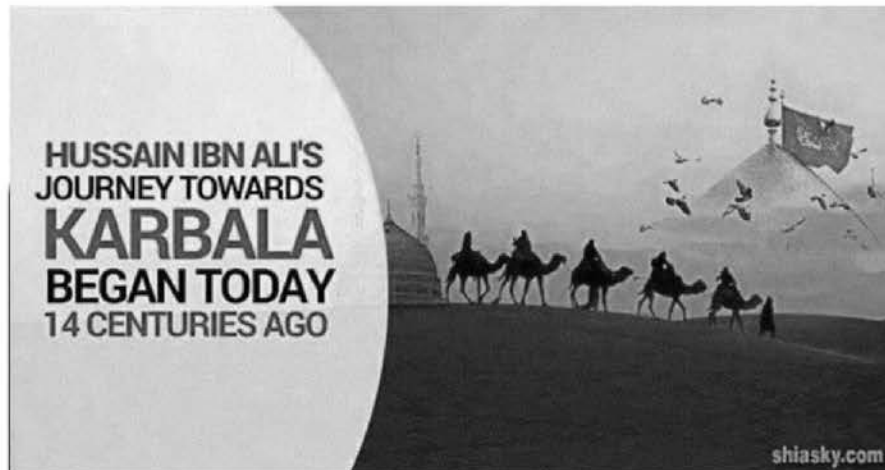
Imam Hussain (A) teaches us that Islam should be our top priority, and for the religion of Allah (SWT), we must sacrifice our comfort and if needed in our lives.



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28th Rajab 60AH

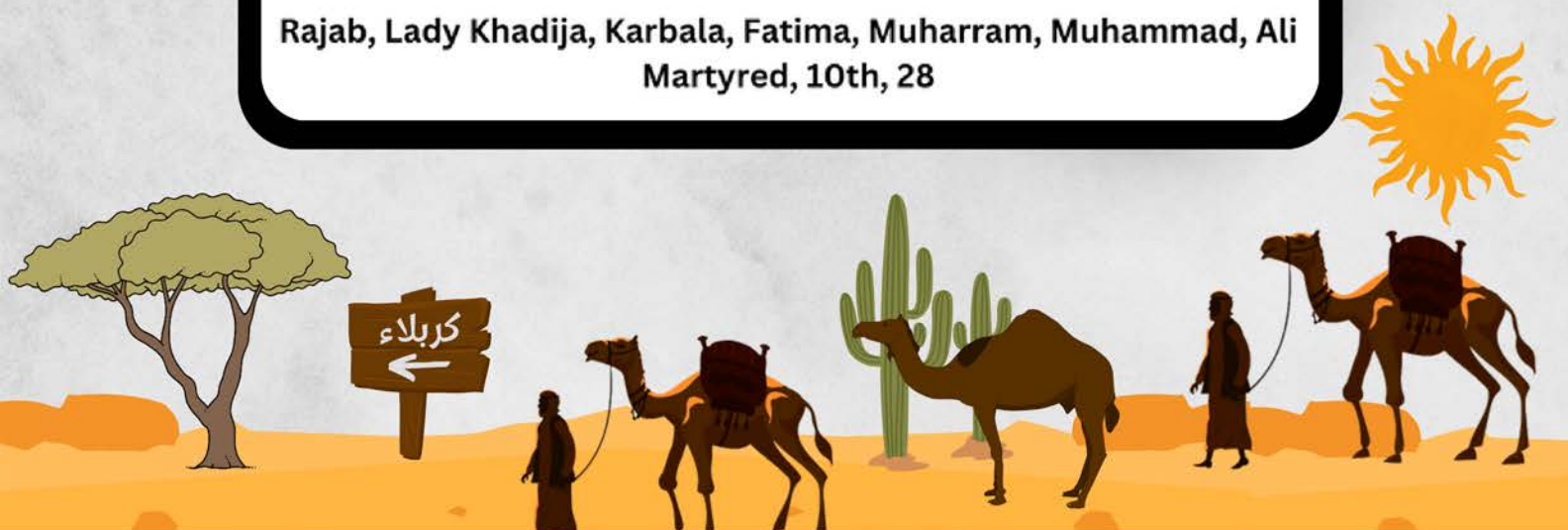
Imam Hussain(A.S) Leaves Madina



Imam Hussain (as) is the son of Imam (as)
and Lady (as)
His Grandfather was Prophet (as)
and his Grandmother was (as)

On theth of the month of, Imam
Hussain (as) took his family and companions and
started his journey towards where
he was on of

Rajab, Lady Khadija, Karbala, Fatima, Muharram, Muhammad, Ali
Martyred, 10th, 28





LEARNING FROM THE SCHOLARS

IN THE MONTH OF RAJAB

JANUARY 2024





“It was my father's wish that sparked the light in us - and of course Allah's will - to make us embark on this journey of deeper learning of our Deen. -MAULANA KUMAIL MEHDAVI”

AN ENLIGHTENING AFTERNOON CHAT WITH MAULANA KUMAIL MEHDAVI

By Syed Ali Naqi Zaidi (Grade 7 Boys)

While the month of Rajab was celebrated as the month of Baab e Madinatul 'Ilm - Imam Ali (A) and Baaqir al Uloom - Imam Muhammad Baqir (A), MIJS Online was extremely honored to have an enlightening afternoon with our community's respectable Aalim Maulana Kumail Mehdavi.

After our grade 12 student Muhammad Mehdi welcomed respectable Maulana sahab, he gave a brief introduction to MIJS Online which was then followed by a wonderful interview done by our grade 7 student - Syed Ali Naqi Zaidi. Here are some valuable snippets he shared with us:

Ali Naqi: Respectable Maulana Sahab, can you please enlighten us on your **basic education higher education and religious education** - so it can give insight and inspiration to youth on how to tread this path of Knowledge.

Maulana Kumail Mehdavi replied: In 1998, I managed to complete my matriculation (10th grade) earlier than usual - at the age of 14, and right after that, I got the opportunity to join Qur'an o ltrat Academy. I used to study in the Madressa in mornings, and joined Government Commerce College in evenings. When I got My Bachelors Degree, I went ahead for my Masters in Economics from Karachi University and since my matriculation was done early, my Masters degree was done early as well.

I had done my primary religious education in Karachi and also completed my Masters from there, and then we moved to Qom (Iran) in 2004 where I got the honor to pursue further higher Islamic education in the Hawza-e-Ilmiyah, Alhamdulillah.

I concluded my 6 years of studies in Qom with my graduating thesis in persian - which was based on the logic of Ahkaam (waajibaat ordained in Islam) in the light of narrations of Janaab e Fatima Zahra (SA) from Khutba e Fadak. During our studies in Qom, we were privately also pursuing a Masters in Islamiyat and a Masters in Arabic from Punjab board- trying to keep education on both religious and worldly terms together.

Our quest for knowledge made us venture out to the city of Baab e madinatul ilm – Najaf e Ashraf as well. Our time there was short lived but we still managed to gain as much as we could before we proceeded to a new stage in our lives when we eventually started travelling around the world to spread the knowledge we had (and are still pursuing) – in the form of regular majaalis and lectures around the globe.

Ali Naqi: What were the **habits that were instilled since childhood** that lead you and your brother Maulana Taqi Mehdavi towards this success ?

Maulana Kumail Mehdavi replied: Parents have the most important role in instilling habits, and indeed for us as well – they have been instrumental in molding us for this journey.

My father is a religious scholar himself and also the principal at Qur'an o ltrat Academy – where he has spent endless amount of years serving this cause,; he has closely witnessed and helped numerous students reach their highest potential by availing religious education from that platform.

I remember a conversation my father had with someone back in my school years – where the person asked my father if his children also intend to become scholars in this field. I recall that my father immediately replied that my sons can go into any field they want to.

He then talked about Surah Baqarah verse 124 where Allah appoints Prophet Ibrahim (A) as the leader for all mankind – and at that time Prophet Ibrahim (A) has a great desire in his heart and questions if Allah (SWT) will appoint leaders from his children. To this, Allah (SWT) promises that there will be leaders to perform this great mission from his progeny, but reminding that this position will not be given to those who oppress or go astray – from his future generations.

After mentioning this incident, my father said, in a similar fashion to Prophet Ibrahim (A), my heart too desires the passing down of my hard work and passion – and that the quest for deeper knowledge of our religion, and the devotion to serve in the way of Allah (SWT) moves down into my generations. It was my father's wish that sparked the light in us – and of course Allah's will – to make us embark on this journey of deeper learning of our Deen. I will be honest that there were a few struggles in pursuing this path – but Allah (SWT) has been very Kind to make this route smooth sailing for us – Alhamdulillah.

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Ali Naqi: We would love to learn about **your favorite Hadeeth and any specific verses from the Holy Qur'an which motivates you** all the time!

Maulana Kumail Mehdavi replied: Amongst my many favorite hadeeth, I reflect most on this one: ***"The one who did not recognize the Imam of his time, dies the death of ignorance {Jahiliya}"***

The word Jahiliya means the time period before Islam. This hadeeth is a wonderful reminder that even if someone becomes a highly honoured PhD anywhere in the world, or however successful a business tycoon he becomes, regardless of his 'worldly' status, if he doesn't hold the capacity of recognizing the Imam of our time, then **he dies the death of the period of Jahiliya.**

This hadeeth is very close to my heart as it teaches us that our most important duty is to recognize the Imam of our time and take the path of closeness to our Imam Al 'Asr (ATF). We can do this by performing righteous duties, enjoining the good and avoiding the forbidden.



My favorite set of verses from the Holy Qur'an is in **Surah Ash Shams (The Sun)** where Allah (SWT) has mentioned 11 oaths and when He swears by something, it shows the importance of the object He is swearing by and thus elevating its status. Furthermore, whatever he mentions after the oath is very important as well; so - after the oaths - by the sun, the moon, the day and the night, the sky, the earth, then Allah (SWT) says **قَدْ أَفْلَحَ مَنْ زَكَّاهَا** 'Successful indeed is the one **who purifies their soul**' (Ash Shams, Verse 9)

So whoever has a pure soul, whether he is a doctor or a specialist, whether he is an economist or successful businessman- if his soul is pure, he is successful. This verse is very close to my heart and I feel it can be a **great reminder for all of us to continuously do self-purification (Tazkiya-e-nafs)** if we wish to be successful in this world and the hereafter.

Ali Naqi: What is the true **definition of SUCCESS** in your opinion?

Maulana Kumail Mehdavi replied: With reference to Surah al Jumu'ah, there is a subtle message especially for our youth –especially since they yearn for success in this world. Allah (SWT) has encouraged that you should move to places around this world, earn a reputable job, and **if you achieve worldly success after hard work**, do not consider it as the perfection of yourself, but rather **consider it as the grace of God**; do not be proud, do not be arrogant and remember Allah (SWT) at every point – and then, you 'might' succeed.

In a spiritual context, Allah (SWT) has mentioned **definite success** in 3 Surahs.

- In Surah Ash Shams, He says **'Successful indeed is the one who purifies their soul,'** (91:9)
- In Surah Al A'ala, He says **'Successful indeed are those who purify themselves, remember the Name of their Lord, and pray.'** (87:14-15)
- In Surah Mu'minun, Allah (SWT) stresses on 11 qualities in a believer and said that possessing these will eventually lead **'The believers to have attained true success'.** (23:1)

A believer is one who not only performs his prayers, but who does them with sincerity and attention; who has fear of God, who saves himself from foolish acts and words; pays his zakaat and khums on time and he who does acts like charity-with good intentions and in secrecy. These are just some, if not many things that define ways to succeed in both this world and hereafter, in my humble opinion.

Ali Naqi: The HOLY QUR'AN is the most inspiring Book for us; but in these times, **how can we as youth keep ourselves close and connected with the word of but in these**

Maulana Kumail Mehdavi replied: I can recommend the following easy steps:

- Keep a habit to recite **10 verses everyday**
- Try and read them with translation. I recommend the **translation by Maulana Zeeshan Haider Jawadi** for Urdu readers, and the **translation of Maulana Farman Ali** for English readers.
- Sometimes you might not understand the message in the Qur'an, but I recommend that you **make Du'a for the Qur'an to talk to you**, allowing its message to enter the heart. It will take some patience and time, but eventually you will experience it inshaAllah.
- Sit with a highlighter and note it down (**Qur'an journaling**) because sometimes you might find that that Allah (SWT) spoke directly to you as it connects so directly with somethings happening in your life. So it will be beneficial to highlight that verse and make notes about them.

- Because the Qur'an is hand in hand with Ahlulbayt (A), I strongly urge for all of you to **connect with the Nahjul Balagha - especially the shorter sayings** in the last section. **Try to read one of those everyday.** This can easily be done using apps we can install on our phones - like Shi'a toolkit, Divine pearls, etc. Therefore, whenever the Quran and the Ahlulbayt (A) are used together, it has a rather 'complete' spiritual effect.

Ali Naqi: QIBLA, MashaAllah, you describe **Mir Anees Sahib's poetry** in your gatherings quite often. **What makes you admire his poetry** and use it for reference?

Maulana Kumail Mehdavi replied: First of all, I am very happy that I have been able to make Mir Anees Sahib more known amongst my listeners - especially the youth.

Indeed, because he dedicated himself to Ahlul-Bayt (A), Allah Ta'ala has kept his name alive even after his death.

He first tried his hand at the ghazals - as a ghazal poet- but failing to make much headway in this direction, he changed over, under the advice of his father, to the writing of marsiyas, in which domain he soon established a high reputation. The zikr of Ahlul Bayt (A) is always alive so when he started writing in their honor, he gained a lot of fame. The first stanza he wrote was:

اندیشہ توصیف شہنشاہ امم ہے۔
زانو پہ سر فکر ہے سجدے پہ قلم ہے۔
اے راہ یہ باریک کہ لغزش میں قدم ہے۔
اے دست زبردست خدا وقت کرم ہے۔

So, in this way, he has some uniqueness that makes my heart flow and I have always noticed that whenever I refer to his poetry in my Majaalis, it makes the environment more refreshing and the audience feel energetic. Hence, I really find inspiration in his words and referencing them.

Ali Naqi: How can we get closer to our Imam-e-Zamaana (ATF)?

Maulana Kumail Mehdavi replied: To get closer to the Imam of the time, one of the easiest things I can tell you is to love the Ahlul bayt (A) and follow their path.



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Another way is to match your attendance in life with the attendance of Imam al 'Asr (ATF). That is, ask yourself - if there is a gathering where Imam e Zamaana (ATF) will not attend (for example - mixed gatherings), then I will not attend that either. In places like reaching our Salaat at Awwal waqt, we will find our Imam (ATF) present there and thus we should aim to be on our prayer mats ready for Salaat at the same time - inshaAllah.

By following this one simple step, you will automatically walk on the right path. Let's aim to match our presence with that of Imam-e-Zamana (ATF) in individual matters as well as collective matters, thus making us closer to our Imam (ATF) by making him happy and pleased with us, InshaAllah.

Detailed interview video is available to view on our Facebook page: www.facebook.com/mijsonline

It was an honor to have Maulana Kumail Mehdavi to give us such an insightful and inspirational interview. JazaakAllah khairan katheeran for sharing such valuable and practical tips with us to further gain closeness to Allah (SWT) and the Ahlulbayt (A). ✨



Maulana Kumail Mehdavi

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Clips & Events Details on his facebook page
<https://www.facebook.com/KumailMehdaviOfficial>
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MIJS ONLINE GIVES TRIBUTE TO (LATE) ALLAMAH MOHSIN ALI NAJAFI



(Late) Allamah Mohsin Ali Najafi - a jurist, Qur'anic interpreter, and eminent scholar, passed away after a lifetime of struggle in the cause of propagating the teachings of Islam.

Rightly named "Mohsin", he sure was a 'mohsin-e-millat' (spiritual benefactor of the nation), and a spiritual father for many.

One of his important cultural measures was the establishment of Ahl al-Bayt schools- which is a collection of 27 schools across Pakistan, and the USWA education system in Pakistan - which has more than 50 institutes under its umbrella.

From helping flood victims, arranging marriages to building mosques, he took care of the community's needs like a father.

He has written various books out of which the spectacular Al Kausar fil Tafseer ul Quran الكوثر فى تفسير القرآن ('The Kauthar' Tafseer of the Holy Quran) stands out - which is a meticulous work of years of research.

He was prominently known as a very enlightening personality; who has left behind an luminous legacy preserved in the hearts of his students and books.

Below are some of Sheikh Mohsin's golden words for the Youth of our community:

- *He said, "On the night of Shab e Qadr, pray more for your aakhirat than dunya. I feel people neglect aakhirat, the grave, the barzakh, standing ashamed in front of our Lord, so I really recommend keeping the du'as of your aakhirat foremost"*
- *Being a true follower and lover of Ameer al Momineen, Ali Ibne Abi Talib (A). He not only wrote a book on him, but also often said, "It is said Ali (A) comes to a dying person- because of which I wish to die a thousand times - just to be able to see him!" He further said "Imam Ali's intercession shall be needed everywhere from the grave to pul-e-sirat - make sure to be a friend of Ali (A)!"*
- *He said to his students to study with the intention of 'Qurbatan Ilal Allah' - to gain closeness to Allah (SWT) - with sincerity; and invite people towards Allah (SWT) with sincerity. Don't focus on quantity - as guiding even one person, has immense and immeasurable rewards*

May Allah place (late) Allamah Mohsin Ali Najafi with Ameer al Momineen (A), and help us live a life of God consciousness following his legacy.

Sha'baan Al Mo'azzam

EVENTS CALENDAR

 1 Birthday of Lady Zaynab (S) HAPPY SISTER'S DAY!	2	 3 Birthday of 3rd IMAM HUSSAIN (A)	 4 Birthday OF HZ ABBAS HAPPY BROTHER'S DAY	 5 Birthday of 4th Imam Zaynul Abideen (A)	6	 7 Birthday of HZ QASIM IBN AL HASSAN (A)
8	9	10	 11 Birthday of HZ ALI AKBAR (A)	12	13	14
 15 Birthday of IMAM MUHAMMAD AL MAHDI (ATF)	16	17	18	19	20	21
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Sha'baan is the one Holy month full of celebrations.
all related to the personalities of Kerbala!

IMPORTANT FASTS	EASY DAILY AMAALS FOR KIDS
<p>FASTING IS RECOMMENDED THROUGHOUT THE MONTH. HOWEVER IF YOU CANNOT AT LEAST TRY THESE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • THE FAST OF 15TH SHA'BAAN - SHAB E BARA-AT AND BIRTHDAY OF IMAM AL ASR (ATF) • LAST 3 DAYS OF SHA'BAAN JOINING INTO RAMADHAN WHICH WILL GIVE YOU THE REWARD OF FASTING OF BOTH MONTHS! 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TAKING OUT SADAQAH FOR THE SAFETY OF IMAM AL 'ASR (ATF) • RECITING DU'A E SALAAMATI E IMAM-E-ZAMAANA (ATF) • RECITING SALAWAAT ON THE AHLULBAYT (A) AT LEAST 14 TIMES • RECITING 'ASTAGHFAAR' 10 TIMES AND SEEKING FORGIVENESS FOR YOUR SINS

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

SHABAN MUBARAK

The Holy Prophet (S) said, "Sha'ban is my month.
God's Mercy be on those who assist me in my
month."

The month of Sha'ban is a great month giving us the
insight as Imam Al Mahdi (ajtf) was born in this
month, through whom the Almighty Allah keeps the
lights of Islam lit and protects beliefs from harm of
the enemies.

A month that has a high rank and people may
become prosperous by means of benefiting from it.

Labaik
Ya Rasool
Allah

Labaik
Ya Zainab

Labaik
Ya Hussain

Labaik
Ya Abbas

Labaik
Ya Ali ibn
Hussain

Labaik
Ya Mahdi
(aj)

Let's all get together and avail the blessings
in the month of our beloved Prophet (S)



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MAA ADRAAKA MAA ZAINAB (S)?

WHAT DO YOU KNOW WHAT 'ZAINAB' IS?

By Sister Zehra Mukhtar

One the most constructive factor of kirdaar-e-Zainabi is being a close confidant of the Hujjat of the Time. That Hujjat could be the Lady of the Heavens for whom Zainab (S) was the elder daughter, her witness to all the difficulties and the descending of angels on her doorstep.

The Hujjat could be her father - Ameer al Momineen (A) who after losing his dear Zahra (S) said, 'a father has a soulful relationship with his daughter' because of her level of respect and support for him. *Her being close to another Hujjat is revealed in her title- "Shareekatul Hussain" - the partner of Hussain (A) - in his mission and thus being the inheritor of the Prophets.*

She was not only the savior for Imam Sajjad (A) - another Hujjat of Allah (SWT) - but his physical, spiritual and emotional companion in those times where he himself called her 'Aalima - ghair Mu'allima': the learned lady who had the knowledge of how my Imam felt and expected from her.

She was there absorbing it all, their loneliness, pains, struggles, and their final words. The relationship of tears is deeper than that of laughter. There is nothing like witnessing, understanding, and sharing the pains of a leader which can grow a follower. The pains of true leaders are not comparable to the pains of any individuals.

As Salamo Alaiki Ya Ummul Masaab !!

This is the secret to her name: Ummul Masaab (mother of all misfortune and calamities). In her core are secrets and calamities of M'asumeen (A) stored. Zainab (S) inspires us to feel the pains of the Hujjat of the Time (ATF) who says "I cry tears of blood for Hussain while I await my reappearance."

In today's world where we see so much injustice - let's take strength and lessons from this magnificent Lady.

On the day of Lady Zainab (S), the message I get from her is: to feel the Hujjat in your heart, each word, each act, each intention should get their approval before it's done. Once we start feeling their approval in our acts, we will slowly but surely get the permission to support and help the Imam (ATF) in his mission - InshaAllah ♥

Allahumma 'ajil le waleeyikal Faraj - behaqqe Zainab (S)

Oh Allah! For the sake of Zainab (S), hasten the reappearance of the Imam of our time!

ACTIVITY FOR CELEBRATING

1st Sha'baan

1st Shaban
HAPPY BIRTHDAY
 to
شريكة الحسين

Complete the information

Name: _____

Father: _____

Mother: _____

Birth: _____

Death: _____



Rubab and her friends are having a conversation about what they have learnt from the life of **Sayyedah Zainab (sa)**

Can you fill in the speech bubbles to complete their conversation.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY IMAM HUSSAIN (A)!

By Raiha Batool (Grade 4)



For every human being Imam Hussain (A) is a great inspiration.

You can especially feel his majesty when you visit his shrine, seeing the endless crowds coming from near and far, with love and respect in their hearts for a man who sacrificed everything he had to save Islam.

The sights and sounds around Karbala today, make us realize how he revived the legacy of Islam - with just 72 companions and family members siding the truth, against an army of thousands who were siding the evil.

Imam Hussain (A) showed us that the true power comes from Allah (SWT) and following His path with patience and perseverance.

ABBAS (A)

THE KA'BAH OF THE AWLIYA

By Haya Batool – Grade 9 Girls



The story of Ayatullah Qadhi's supplication

The people of Ayatullah Qadhi would refer Abu Fadhl al-Abbas (A) as **the Ka'bah of the Awliyyah**.

The reason is that when he had traversed some stages of wayfaring and conformed to the disciplines of struggle against the self, Ayatullah Qadhi experienced visions and the removal of certain veils. However he had not attained the final level of tawheed and certain matters remained undiscovered by him. Woefully, he could not surpass the obstacles no matter what he did.



My uncle, Abbas Ibn Ali (A), had a strong faith and profound insight. He fought for the sake of God along with his brother, Imam Husayn (A). He successfully passed the test and was eventually martyred."

Imam Sadiq (A)

He thus, made a trip from Najaf to Karbala and after walking past Abbasiyah Street and going through the courtyards, he came across a seemingly madman in one of the corridors.

The man told him: **"Abbas is the Ka'bah of the Awliyyah"**

Upon hearing this Ayatullah Qadhi entered the shrine, attained the state of unity and remained in it for about 10 minutes.

After that he went to the shrine of the Master of the Martyrs and as he placed his hands on the sacred shrine, he experienced that state once more with such intensity that it lasted for an hour.

Since then, he would frequently enter that state again. Then the state of tawheed and unity became continuous power for him.

Excerpt from the Book: The Shining sun, pg 141

Written by: Late Allamah Ayatullah Haaj Sayyid Muhammad Husayn Husayni Tihrani

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Greeting with Salaam

**INITIATE SAYING SALAAM**

Imam Husayn (AS) has said
 “Seventy rewards is the share of the one who
 initiates the greeting of SALAAM
 and only one reward belongs to the one
 who returns the greeting”

Biharul-Anwaar, Vol. 78, p.120

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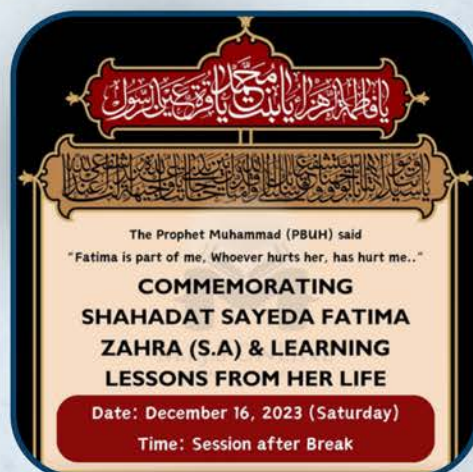
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Martyrdom of Lady Fatima (S)

MIJS Online commemorated the Martyrdom Anniversary of the Lady of Light, Lady Fatima (S) on 16th December 2023 (2nd Jamaadil Akhir). Students actively participated in the event, their contributions echoing the profound teachings and sacrifices of this revered figure

The commemoration unfolded with the soulful recitation of the Holy Qur'an, its verses filling the space with a sense of tranquility and reverence. The atmosphere deepened as students recited Hadiths e Kisa. Heartfelt marsiyas filled the breakout rooms, their lyrics stirring emotions and reminding everyone of the immense sacrifices made. Powerful speeches echoed, shedding light on the life and legacy of the Lady of Light, inspiring introspection and reflection. The event ended with masaaib, where students expressed their deep sorrow and unwavering devotion through lamentation and remembrance. The outpouring of emotions created a powerful and unifying experience for all participants.



MIJS Online's Ayyam e Fatimiyyah commemoration served as a testament to the enduring legacy of the Lady of Light. Through their active participation and heartfelt expressions, the students not only honored her memory but also gained valuable insights into her life and teachings, ensuring her message continues to resonate for generations to come.

JAN 24'

JASHN E BULOUGH - for Girls

Girls Jashn e Bulough, a joyous event, marked the celebration of a significant milestone in the lives of young princesses at MIJSOnline.

The festivities commenced with a sweet Qur'an recitation, setting a spiritual tone. A heartfelt Dua e Imam e Zaman (ATF) followed, invoking blessings and guidance. Teacher Alia Rizvi, delivered an inspiring message, explaining the newfound responsibilities to new balighahs. She beautifully expounded on the significance of their journey into maturity. The young princesses engaged in thought-provoking scenario-based questions, fostering critical thinking and practical application of their knowledge.



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Culminating the celebration, an impactful oath-taking ceremony solidified their commitment to their responsibilities and values. This momentous event not only celebrated their transition but also instilled a sense of purpose and dedication among the young princesses, shaping them into responsible and empowered individuals.



JAN 24'

Wilaadat of Lady Fatima (S)

MIJS Online buzzed with excitement as it commemorated the Wilaadat of Lady Fatima (S) and Mother's Day on 6th January 2024 (23rd Jamadi Thani), in a vibrant celebration that honored mothers and immersed students in the life and teachings of Lady Fatima (S).

The day unfolded like a beautiful tapestry, woven with heartwarming moments, insightful presentations, and engaging activities.

The festivities kicked off with recitation of Holy Quran, setting the stage for a day filled with love and reverence. Junior students then stole the show with their adorable short video messages, each overflowing with gratitude and love for their mothers. Laughter and tears welled up as the students' heartfelt messages resonated with everyone present.

Next, the event took a thoughtful turn as students shared profound sayings of the Holy Prophet and the Imams about Lady Fatima, their young voices echoing with wisdom that transcended their years. These profound words provided a deeper understanding of the occasion and its significance. Grade 10 Girls then delivered speeches about Lady Fatima that captivated the audience.

Their insightful words painted a vivid picture of Lady Fatima's extraordinary life and the values she embodied.



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But the celebration didn't stop there! Grade 9 Girls followed suit, enchanting everyone with a beautiful presentation that brought Lady Fatima's story to life. Their creativity and dedication shone through, leaving a lasting impression on all.

An event at MIJS online wouldn't be complete without some engaging activities!



The students enthusiastically participated in various activities in their class breakout rooms, all designed to deepen their understanding of Lady Fatima's life and teachings. Through these interactive sessions, students gained valuable knowledge while having loads of fun, making the day truly memorable.

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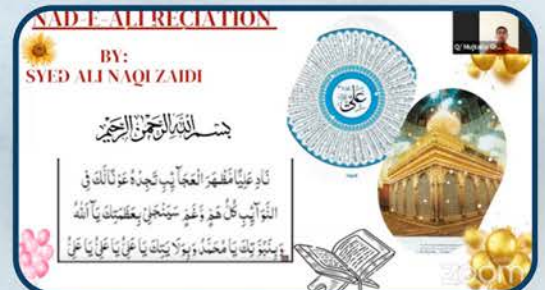
Wilaadat of Imam Ali (A)

Wilaadat of Amir al Mumineen, Baab e Madina tul Ilm, Imam Ali (A) was celebrated on the 3rd February 2023 - coinciding with 22nd Rajab.

Students of Maktab Habib ibn Mazahir organized a special assembly that ignited enthusiasm and left a lasting impression! The event started off with a brief explanation of the enthralling compilation of Nahjul Balagah, setting the tone for an extraordinary assembly.

Teacher Kaneez Zahra graced the meeting, unleashing a torrent of profound wisdom that resonated with every listener. The excitement soared as Ali Muzammil Zaidi took the spotlight, with a recitation of the Holy Quran. The atmosphere pulsated with energy as Syed Ali Naqi recited Nad e Ali.

The spiritual crescendo continued with Syeda Khadija Batool reciting the Dua e Imam e Zamana. Students of the maktab



stepped into the limelight, sharing their reflections on two impactful Hadiths of Imam Ali, weaving a tapestry of diverse insights and learning.

Our vice principal, Zehra Mukhtar elevated the excitement with a riveting speech, capturing hearts and minds with her dynamic presence.

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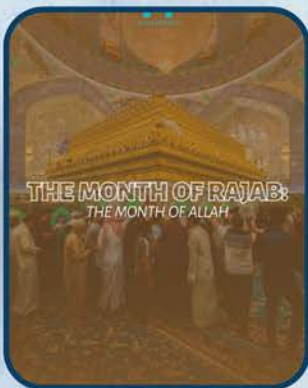
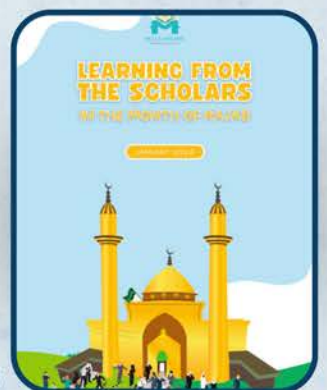
Special Rajab Quiz

MIJS celebrated the Wilaadat of Ameer ul Momnineen Imam Ali Ibne Abi Talib (A) on 3rd Feb 2024 coinciding with 22nd Rajab.

Every year MIJSOnline tries new and creative ways to celebrate the Wilaadat of Imam Ali (A). This year MIJS Online dedicated the celebration to special personalities who motivate people of all ages: our Ulama.

Special compilations were prepared for different classes and were sent to the students two weeks prior - with important facts and inspirational details on the lives of famous Ulama. These were discussed and elaborated for children to prepare them for the main event day where Teachers had prepared online Kahoot quizzes for the students of different levels.

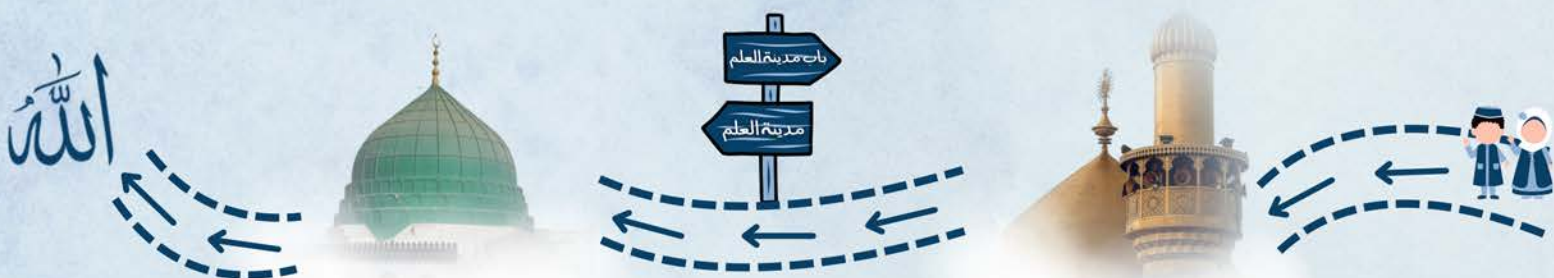
On the day of the event, every breakout room was full of excitement. Each student was thrilled. They couldn't wait to start the quiz, not because they wanted to come first, but because they wanted to express their love for Ulama's.



Once the quiz started, the students chose the best answer in their knowledge, and couldn't wait for the next question to arrive. The silence of the students during the quiz showed how intensely focused they were. There were students who couldn't join the kahoot quiz due to technical errors - but that didn't stop them from participating; they actually wrote all the answers on their own notepads, to be part of the event.

In the end everyone was the winner in the eyes of Ameer ul Momineen (A). They didn't only make Imam Ali (A) happy but all the Ulama's - who have dedicated their entire lives for every one of us.

This was an amazing initiative to honor Baab-e-Madinatul 'Ilm - Imam Ali (A) on his birthday, Alhamdulillah!



"I am the city of the knowledge and 'Ali is its gate, thus whoever seeks the knowledge has to enter the gate" (Prophet Muhammad)

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Journey towards Buloogh event - Boys

On the 17th of February, we celebrated the commencement of the JOURNEY TOWARDS BULOUGH FOR OUR BOYS aged 12 and older.

This coincided with the 7th of Shaban, marking the wiladat of Hazrat Qasim, the esteemed youth of Karbala.

Alhamdulillah, it was an online event that commenced with a Beautiful Qur'an recitation by Fazal Abbas, a 7th-grade student, followed by the Welcome speech delivered by the host, Mohammad Mehdi, a 12th-grade student.

Subsequently, an enlightening session was conducted by our guest speaker, Agha Mohammad Reza Rouhani. During this session, he discussed the signs of Bulooqhat, emphasized the boys' assumption of responsibilities, explored the father-son bond, and underlined the importance of time. The session was interactive, with boys actively participating by posing questions.



Following this, Sister Sadaf Murad delivered a wonderful presentation highlighting the significance of the beginning of this journey. She described it as an honor bestowed by Allah (SWT) when we reach baloogh. She also addressed the challenges that follow, but offered encouragement for strength to overcome them.

Shortly after, an engaging activity was led by Ali Maisam, a 12th-grade student, where thought-provoking questions were posed to the boys, and we received insightful answers.

Finally, our Vice Principal, Sister Zehra Mukhtar, delivered an inspiring message emphasizing that our actions should be governed by the purest of intentions. The program concluded with an oath to Allah (SWT) to remain obedient to Him.

THE EXEMPLARY TEENAGER HZ QASIM (A)

**"DEATH IS SWEETER TO ME THAN.
HONEY" ~ HAZRAT QASIM (A).**



This Hadith by Hazrat Qasim leaves behind multiple thoughts to ponder over, but before any of those it brings my attention to the personality of the thirteen year old Qasim.

It is important to realize that this saying is of a thirteen year old boy, even though it may sound like one by an old man who probably has seen many difficulties of life that he is looking forward to and welcoming death.

However, this, is 13 year old Qasim, who had reached this level of ma'arifah in his youth to be able to see so much beauty in death, or rather, in volunteering to sacrifice himself to bits, with his only concern being whether or not he is on the path of Haqq, whether or not he is siding with the Imam of his time.

Considering, at this age, one is generally afraid of death, and Qasim (A) knew that this was going to be no ordinary death, but a brutal murder; yet he did not show the slightest of concern regarding it.

This consequently makes me think about two aspects:

- *First, the aspect of seeing beauty in the toughest of situations, and not just beauty, but such beauty to be able to call it sweeter than honey, and this something that the Ahlul Bayt (AS) has been the epitome of, and portrayed it to us time and time again for us to learn. It reminds me of Bibi Zaynab (SA) saying "I saw nothing but beauty", which further makes me realize, how they are truly reflections of one Light, the Light of Beauty, and truly, beauty does lie in the eyes of the beholder.*

- *Secondly, the aspect of detachment from this world.* What must be the level of detachment from this world, inner peace, tranquility, and nafs al mutmainnah in him to find letting it all go sweeter than honey? What level of maarifah, love, or rather, ishq, had this 13 year old boy reached to be able to not be concerned about the worldly consequences of siding with Haqq, and siding with the imam of his time? And how much of these capabilities, or rather, how much of this ishq, this love, this nafs al mutmainnah, this detachment, do 'I' have to be able to present myself, my whole self, in this way in front of the Imam of my time - to dedicate my whole existence to him?

We need to question ourselves by looking at the lessons we learn from Hz Qasim's character - if we even have a fraction of the same devotion to the Imam of our time; or are we at the level where we think we have done enough by attending a few majalis and shedding a few tears. Of course those things also have it's own significance, but it is not enough- just like the 80,000 letters full of pledges and promises by the Kufans to the Imam of their time was not enough.

We need to question ourselves and ponder: Do I resemble the 72 companions of Imam more, or the force of 80,000 in opposition? And I am ready to be from 313 or not?

القاسم بن الحسن

ALI AKBAR (A)

AN INSPIRING YOUTH OF KARBALA

By Fathima Zehra Saleem – Grade 7 Girls

Ali Akbar (A), son of Imam Hussain (A), was a youth who had a very inspiring life, that can be served as a guidance to youth like us: the future of Islam. He was an eighteen year old, who had the best manners, morals, intelligence and so much more!

He was famously known to completely resemble our Holy Prophet (SAWW), not only in his beautiful looks, but also in terms of knowledge.

We can learn a lot from him - but some important lessons to apply in our lives are as follows:

1) In his life, **he always kept Deen first** - then the world. We witness this in the incident of KARBALA- when he saw that his Deen wanted a sacrifice. Despite being at the peak of his youth, he didn't step back he showed us that for him, Deen was most important over this dunya.

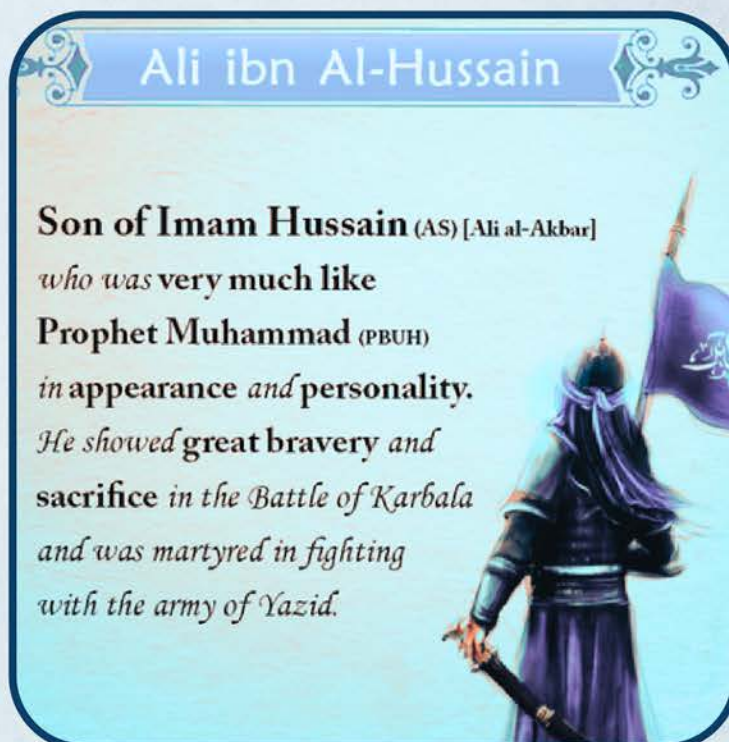
2) He showed that **we should respect everyone** even if they are your enemies. When Hz. Hur came towards their tents despite being from the enemy's army, he respected him as his uncle, and hugged him with respect he took him to Imam Hussain (A).

3) **Worship (Ibaadah):** In Karbala, where everyone was dying - with thirst, hunger and being killed, Ali Akbar (A) persisted by saying his prayers. We need to learn to show the same love for prayer to Allah (SWT) rather than do it by force!

4) **Obedience of the Imam of the time:** In Karbala, he obeyed the imam of time (his father Imam Hussain) and he sacrificed his life for his mission. We need to be ready for the Imam of our time in the same way!

If we youth make Hz Ali Akbar (A) our role model, we can proudly face the Imam of our time and support his mission!

**"Seeing the charm of Ali Akbar (A) , even Prophet Yousuf (A) is in awe!
The angels bestowed blessings, when the Noor of ibn Hussain they saw".**



AN AREEZA IN THE NAME OF MY IMAM (ATF)

THOUGHTS FROM THE NIGHT OF 15TH SHA'BAAN

By Teacher Batool Zehra

عريضة به خدمت حضرت بقیة الله الاعظم امام زمان (عجل الله تعالى فرجه)

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

Greetings to the soul of all souls,
to the Imam of the universe and mankind
to the unique creation of our Lord.
Greetings to the Mahdi (ATF)
whose pleasant name perfumes the soul,
O' you who is the reserve of the family of revelation
O' you who is our last hope!

We celebrate your birthday,
offer each other bouquets of congratulations;
But soon after, the smiles of joy fade on our lips
and a great sadness casts a shadow on our souls;
the sadness of being far away from you, our dearest most awaited Imam.

Doesn't our hijrat (distance) today
reach your connection tomorrow?
Isn't there a cure for this pain?
Yes, God's promise is unchallengeable.
Surely that day will come!
A day will come when the sun will shine from the Ka'bah
and the flowers of hope will bloom.

You will come, with the Zulfigaar of Ali (A) in your hand.
You will lean on the Ka'bah and you will call out: انا بقیة الله المنتقم
O' savior of mankind, please come soon
as everyone is waiting impatiently.
Come soon and cut the hands
of these inhumane forces with your father's Zulfigaar;
The people are in dire need of you O' our Awaited Savior!

AN AREEZA IN THE NAME OF MY IMAM (ATF)

Thoughts from the night of 15th Sha'baan

By Teacher Batool Zehra

Mawla - O' my Master,
These days, the world are filled with atrocities and gloom;
instead of their mother's lullabies,
children are sleeping to the sounds of bombs and missiles exploding in their ears!

Come soon Ya Imam, so that no innocent child
dies in front of the mother's eyes!

اللهم عجل لوليک الفرج



Shab e Bara'at - Night of 15th Sha'baan

Tonight is the best night of the year after the night of Qadr, and it has become greater and more glorious with the birth of our Imam Al 'Asr (ATF). It is the night of Du'a and Ibaadah; a night of reflections and oaths - to think about how we can serve our dear Imam!

May Almighty Allah make us among his special companions
and always help us to be on his right path, Ameen!

OUR LAST IMAM (ATF)

By **Sakina Zehra (Grade 3)**

The Holy Prophet has said:

"Even if the entire duration of the world's existence has already been exhausted and only one day is left before the Day of Judgment (Qiyaamah), Allah (SWT) will expand that day to a length of time so to accommodate the kingdom of a person from my Ahlul-Bayt (A) who will be called by my name. He will then fill the earth with peace and justice as it will have been full of injustice and tyranny before then."

Our last Imam is Imam Mahdi (ATF). He was born on the 15th Sha'baan 255 A.H. in the city of Samarra in Iraq.

He was named Abu al-Qasim Muhammad - the same name and kuniyya as the Holy Prophet (S); however, he is more commonly known as Muhammad al-Mahdi (ATF).

His father's name is Imam Hassan Askari (A) and his mother's name is Bibi Narjis Khatoon (S). The young Imam's birth was shrouded in secrecy, much like that of Prophet Musa. Fearing the prediction of the downfall of his empire, the Abbasid king planned to eliminate the newborn Imam. However, Allah's protection shielded the Imam (ATF) and his identity remained hidden, except to a few loyal followers.

The evil king at that time, Al-Mu'tamad, was aware of the prophecy, and anxiously searched for the hidden Imam. Upon the death of the Imam's father, he learned that the Imam's five year old son had led the funeral prayer. This realization filled him with suspicion and a hidden desire to confirm the Imam's identity. To achieve this, he ordered the arrest of the Imam's mother.

The Imam's mystical hiding for protection from the world is known as Ghaibat (occultation). Imam Mahdi (ATF) stayed in ghaibat in two phases:

- **Ghaibat-e-Sughra** (minor occultation - or shorter period of remaining in mystical hiding) for about 69 years- from 260 AH to 329 AH
- and **Ghaibat-e-Kubra** (greater occultation - or meaning the longer period of remaining in mystical hiding), started in 329 AH and still continuing till Allah's decision to make him reappear in this world.

Backbiting is arguably the most common and deeply rooted vice in our society among all of the others. For many, backbiting has become second nature, so most people are unaware of their actions when they commit this serious sin. The evils of backbiting and its detrimental effects, which can seriously affect our interactions with others, are discussed in the Holy Qur'an.

DO YOU KNOW?

We have some responsibilities as the follower of Imam-e-Zamana (ajf)

We may not always think carefully about the things we say about the people in our lives when they are not present. If we do that, it can seriously harm our ability to build strong, enduring relationships with the Imam of our time (ATF).

So let us promise to avoid backbiting itself and to discourage our family and friends as well - and also try to avoid other kinds of sins in our daily lives. The key is to reflect on our actions and be self-aware about our actions.

For this, and protection from all kinds of evils and sins, we can get help for this from Imam-e-Zamaana (ATF). How can we do that?

The answer is - to TALK TO OUR IMAM (ATF):

By instilling the habit to talk to Imam e Zamaana (ATF) daily, and share all things with him - then we maintain a relationship with him. Then, if we ask for help, you will come to realize his aid and presence in every moment of your life!

The Holy Prophet (S) has reported to have said to the Commander of believers, Ali (A) that: "There will be twelve Guides (Imams) after me, the first of whom is you, O' Ali, and the last one will be the 'Support' (al-Qa'im), who - with the grace of Allah (SWT) - will gain Victory over the whole east and west of the world."

May we live to see the reign of the Imam of our time (ATF) inshaAllah and may we be amongst the ones that have great Islamic character and values that allow us to be connected to him in this period of his ghaibat - Aameen!

WHISPERS FROM THE HEART OF A MUNTAZIR



O' my Imam where are you?
Where are you, where are you?
I have searched you everywhere,
Wherever my eyes could see,
they have always searched for your bright face..
Every beat of my heart wishes - if only even once -
I could see you, I can meet you, I can hear your beautiful voice..
My thoughts are full of dreams to meet the son of Zahra (SA)!

Alas, do my actions present my above wishes?
Am I someone who just prays in morning for a few minutes for you
or Friday mornings for half an hour - I wait and talk with you;
and then the rest of the day I enjoy spending time on unnecessary things?

Am I one who waits for the calls from my friends, indulge in futile gossip, spend endless
time on social media or do things that make me forget about you?

O' my Imam, whenever I read stories about the people who meet Imam of their time,
I secretly pray that we too can meet the Imam of our time -
But for this, I KNOW that I have to change myself..

To be worthy of ever meeting you,
I promise I will make changes starting now
Whatever I do, I will always remember and believe that you are watching me;
My thoughts should reflect in my actions;
I need to increase sincerity in my prayers;
I have to adopt good intentions and understand the message from ahadeeth;
I should try spending more of my time talking with you;
I have to increase my time spent reciting the Holy Qur'an;
I have to consciously make a stronger effort to follow the teachings of the Qur'an &
Ahlulbayt (A);
I have to instill good morals and discipline in my life;
I should start being more helpful towards the people around me..

I wish to accomplish this and a lot more Insha Allah- with the help of Allah (SWT)
So that I might be among those who helped in your zuhoor ❤️
and not of those who become reason for delay in your zuhoor

Aameen - Ya Rabb!

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Amongst the beautiful names of Allah (SWT), is 'As Salaam' - signifying that He is the Source of Peace and Safety.

'Salaam' means peace. It conveys unconditional security and assurance of tranquility.

- Recite "Ya Salaam" 100 times when sick to regain health.
- Recite 160 times and blow on sick person for shifa, followed by "Ya Shaafiyal Quloob" 3 times

QUICK QUESTION:

WHY DO YOU THINK WE SAY
SALAAM TO EACH OTHER
WHEN WE MEET?



Healing through foods mentioned in Quran

In Surah an Nahl, Allah (SWT) talks about the amazing way in which honey bees 🐝 are guided by Him to collect nectar from flowers, which then turns into honey 🍯 - and this wonderful and natural food has healing and shifa in it.



LET'S TRY TO HAVE A TEASPOON
OF HONEY IN WARM MILK AND
RECITE 'AS SALAAM' ON IT, TO BE
SUPER HEALTHY!

HADEETH CORNER

Seek Knowledge



Shahr ar Ramadhan

EVENTS CALENDAR

1 Beginning of the Holy month of FASTING!	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 Death of Lady Khadijah (s)	11	12	13	14
15 Birthday of our 2nd Imam HASSAN AL MUJTABA (A)	16	17 VICTORY OF BATTLE OF BADR	18	19 IMAM ALI STRUCK WITH SWORD AT FAJR 1ST SHAB E QADR	20	21 MARTYRDOM OF IMAM ALI (A) 2ND SHAB E QADR
22	23 HIGH LIKELIHOOD OF MAIN SHAB E QADR NIGHT (SHI'A SOURCE)	24	25	26	27 HIGH LIKELIHOOD OF MAIN SHAB E QADR NIGHT (SUNNI SOURCE)	28
29	30	31				

The respect of the Holy month of Ramadhan is that it should be called 'Shahr ar Ramadhan' or Maah e Ramadhan!

IMPORTANT ACTS	EASY DAILY AMAALS FOR KIDS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ALLAH (SWT) HAS ORDERED FOR THE MONTH OF RAMADHAN TO BE THE MONTH OF FASTING, CHARITY AND SPIRITUAL REFRESHENING BY ASKING FOR FORGIVENESS OF YOUR SINS. A'MAAL OF SHAB E QADR; TO BE DONE ON THE NIGHTS IN WHICH EVERY PRAYER IS REWARDED MORE THAN PRAYERS OF A 1000 MONTHS! 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RECITE THE QUR'AN AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE. EVERY VERSE RECITED HAS 70 TIMES MORE REWARD! RECITE & MEMORIZE RAMADHAN DUA "YA ALIYU YA ADHEEM" RECITE SURAH AL QADR REMEMBER THE MA'SUMEEN (A), THE MUJTAHIDEEN & ALL YOUR MARHUMEEN WITH SURAH AL FATIHA AT IFTAAR TIME

ILLUSTRATED VERSES

Ramadhan in the Qur'an

SHAHR AR RAMADAAN



RAMADAAN IS THE
MONTH IN WHICH
THE QURAN WAS
REVEALED AS A
GUIDE FOR
HUMANITY.

SURAH BAQARAH
AYAH 185



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IMPORTANCE OF SHAHR AR RAMADHAN

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What is Ramadhan?

To understand the importance of Shahr ar Ramadhan, it is important for us to first understand what Ramadhan is.

Imām Ja'far ibn Muhammad al-Sādiq (A.S) said:

"Say not, "This is Ramadhan" and "Ramadhan has departed" and "Ramadhan has arrived" for surely, Ramadhan is one of the names of Allah, The Mighty, the Glorious, who neither arrives nor departs. Surely, arrives and departs that, which is short-lived, Instead say: "The month of Ramadhan". [Reference: Al-Kafi, 4, page 70]

According to this narration, Ramadhan is one of the Names of the Almighty Allah, hence it is more appropriate to refer to it as 'The Holy month of Ramadhan' instead of just Ramadhan. SHAHR meaning month - by calling it Shahr-ar-Ramadhan, we are in fact respectfully and appropriately pronouncing the name of the month with its true essence - and recognizing that it holds a permanent significance in our lives every passing year.

Although the word "Ramadhan" is mentioned in many other narrations for reference to the month of fasting, it's worth noting that the phrase "the Holy month of Ramadhan" (Shahr ar Ramadhan) is also recommended, possibly to align with how it's expressed in the Quran in Surah 2, Ayah 185. This phrasing also honours the holy month, which the Holy Prophet (S) called "THE MONTH OF ALLAH (S)."

SIGNIFICANCE OF THE HOLY MONTH

It is worth highlighting that this month is also the holiest month in the Islamic calendar. Fasting is prescribed in this month, as well as the Holy Quran was revealed. It is narrated from Imam ar-Ridha' (a.s): "Verily, the month of Ramadhan is a month in which the holy Qur'an was revealed. It was in this month that the Prophet of Islam was informed of being a Prophet. *The Night of al-Qadr which is better than one thousand months and therein every matter of ordainments is decreed is in this month.*"

From this hadith by Imam Ridha (a.s) we can understand the value of this Holy month as multiple valuable aspects are related to this Month.

As the narration says the Holy Quran was revealed during this month, according to certain traditions, 'the Scriptures' of Ibrahim, the Torah of Moses and the Psalms of David were all also revealed in this Holy month.

In addition to that, the Night of Qadr is also in this month; a Night of power, and one which is described as better than thousand months. A night as special as the Night of Qadr being a part of this month also shows how valuable and holy the month of Ramadhan is.

IMPORTANCE OF FASTING

The benefits of fasting are various. Fasting has personal, social, hygienic and best of all spiritual benefits.

Hisham Ibn Hakam asked Imam As-Sadiq (a.s) about the reason(s) because of which fasting has been made obligatory. The Imam replied: "Verily, Allah made fasting obligatory in order to equalize between the poor and the rich. Surely, the rich people would not otherwise feel the pain of hunger to be kind to the poor. For the rich will reach anything they wish. Thus, the Almighty Allah willed to equalize between His servants and to give a taste of the pain of hunger to the rich so that he becomes more lenient to the weak people and be more merciful towards the hungry ones."

Thus, fasting is obligatory both for the poor and the rich.

Although fasting has some social benefits, this is not the main purpose of fasting.

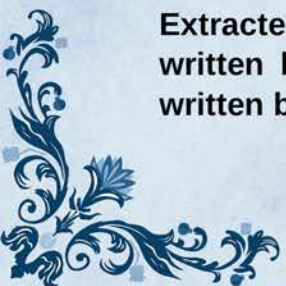
The main purpose of fasting is to gain 'self-restraint' as stated in the holy Qur'an: "O you who believe! Fasting is prescribed for you as it was prescribed for those before you, that you may observe self-restraint (al-Taqwa)." [2:183]

It helps control our natural energies, guiding the body to follow spiritual values. This keeps the body healthy by avoiding excess and giving the organs a break to stay ready for regular activities.

Scientifically, it acts like medicine for many physical and nervous issues. Both the wealthy and the poor, women and men, powerful and weak – everyone must observe fasting. It encourages generosity and empathy towards those in need, reminding believers to consider the needs of others.

Muslims share the blessings given by Allah with one another. Believers build a strong connection with Allah by fasting, as it shows their constant desire to follow His commands. They also strengthen bonds with each other during Shahr ar Ramadhan: a month focused on generously giving and positive social interactions. Islam emphasizes moral excellence during this sacred month.

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JANAAB E KHADIJAH(S)

By Teacher Fizza Riasat



*Fatimah ki jannat ka naam hain Khadijah
Mustafa ke aanso mai rawaan hain Khadijah
Ali ke sath Nabi ki dhaal hain Khadijah
Deen e Islam ka bara naam hai Khadijah
Zowja toh aur bhi hain Muhammad e Arabi ki
Lekin Muhammad ki dil o jaan hain sirf Khadijah*

*Kehte hain Jin ko malka e arab wo hain Khadijah
Khulla rehta hain Jin ka darwaza wo hain Khadijah
Kerti jo ataa logo ko daulat wo hain Khadijah
Naa sirf daulat dusro ke bacho ko paalti hain Khadijah
Sakhaawat e Ahle Bayt shuroo huwi Jahan se
Wo pehli Ahle Bayt ki bunyaad hain Khadijah*

*Apne rabb ki bari Aabida hain Khadijah
 Jahaalat ke zamaane mai Zaahida hain Khadijah
 Khuda ki muhabbat mai maal ko lutaati hain Khadijah
 Khuda ke paigaam ko iss tarha phelaati thi Khadijah
 Deen e Islam ko parwaan charaa gai apne maal se
 Aik nahi saari ki saari daulat lutaa hain hain Khadijah*

*Muhammad ki Sab se bari taaqat hain Khadijah
 Sirf humsafar nahi, shareekatun Nabi hain Khadijah
 Rasool ki mushkil mai Rasool ki dhaal hain Khadijah
 Qadm e Rasool k sath qadm chalane wali hain Khadijah
 Hifaazat e Nabuwat ke liye diya Jisne pehle khutba
 Wo Mujaahida Jadda e Zainab hain Bibi Khadijah*

*Khadijah ki tarha laajawab hain Aal e Khadijah
 Sakhaawat mai karaamat mai bey-misaal hain Aal e Khadijah
 Kerte hain Khuda se muhabbat sab misl e Khadijah
 Kisi ki aulaad nahi hai aulaad e misl e Khadijah
 Naa sirf daulat balke aal ko bhi qurbaan kar diya
 Hamesha ke liye Deen ko bacha gai hain Bibi Khadijah*

*Apne kirdaar se humko sikha gai hain Khadijah
 Apne gharo mai kaise laana hai nizaam e Khadijah
 Apni betiyo ko batao Taareekh e Khadijah
 Taake aaj bhi har ghar se nikle kaneez e Khadijah
 Har zamaane mai aik baa-qirdaar aurat hoti hai taaqat
 Zindagi ka Sab se bara sabaq sikha gai hain Khadijah*



Image: Grave of Janaab e Khadijah (S) in Jannatul Moalla (Medina)

IMAM HASSAN (A) THE GIFT FROM GOD

An excerpt from poetry by Brother Sadiq Damani (UK)

*No dome, no shrine, no millions of people surround him –
but I promise you won't be able to count the angels,
Who circumvent his resting place, and who tell this man's tales,
Within the books of history, praising this man there are countless pages,
His name, legacy, and memory has lived through multiple ages,
An infallible like the others, but just because he has no dome – nothing changes.*

*The month of Ramadhan, is one of generosity and giving,
A month within which any desire is fulfilled, and to us Allah is revealing,
His book of knowledge and guidance, Mercy and blessings,
The lesson of charity and giving, is constantly repeating,
So let's now analyse, God's giving,*

*Days before the Quran's completed,
An infallible to us is provided,
Al-Hassan is born and we're reminded,
Don't separate the two they're undivided,
So if daily the Qur'an is recited,
Ensure daily their remembrance is incited.*



*Be wary not to take this concept so lightly,
A specific infallible was chosen for, entirely,
The month of generosity and God's mercy,
A gift directly from God to mankind,
Provided – us with the second leader,
Think of just how highly,
God must see Al-Hassan, Karim Ahlulbayt, Al-Mujtaba,
the generous one to all and the needy.*

*But am I surprised, of the status of al-Hassan,
The first human to be born, from two purified parents,
Inheriting the might of Haider's sword in his sword & pen,
The eloquence of Zahra, in his conviction and finesse,
A mirror of the Prophet, in his mannerisms and nobleness!*

*So join me on this night, to ask for the intercession from he,
Who continuously gave to all, not just the needy,
The one among the Ahlulbayt, known as Kareem,
The generous one, among the most generous family,
But am I at all surprised when God's gift in the month of mercy,
Was in fact this man, al-Hassan, the man of generosity.*

*Oh Hassan, a leader whether stood or in a 'seat',
Oh Hassan, a purified soul that heaven yearns to remeet,
Oh Hassan, the teacher of utilising the pen when with a sword one must compete,
Oh Hassan, The name which brings the Shia upbeat,
Oh Hassan, take us to your parents so with them we can meet,
Oh Hassan, a man whose brilliance was captured by every heartbeat,
Oh Hassan, oh Hassan, oh Hassan – a heavenly name,
hence my desire to constantly repeat,
Oh Hassan – The utterance of your merits tastes so sweet*



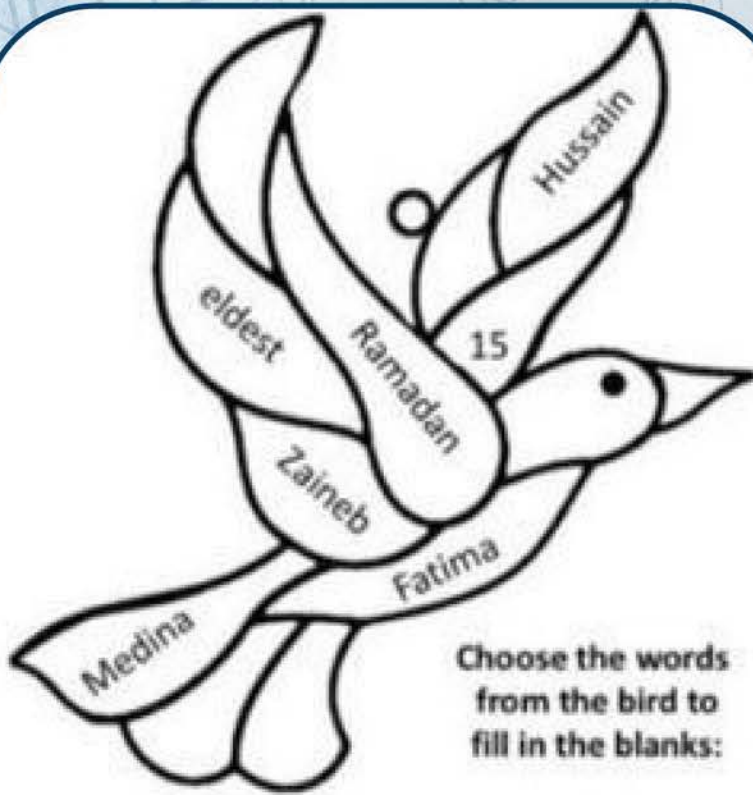
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FUN & ACTIVITY:

Shahr Ramadhan & Imam Hassan (A)



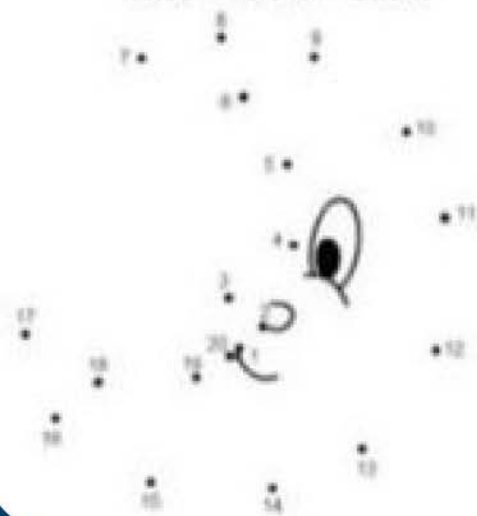
Choose the words from the bird to fill in the blanks:

Imam Hassan alaihi assalam is the
 son of Imam Ali and Lady
 We celebrate his birthday on theth
 day of the month of
 He was born in the city of
 His brother is Imam and his
 sister is Lady

Word search

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hassan – ali – imam – duaa –
 fast – suhur – iftar



FUN & ACTIVITY:

Birthday card
for Imam Hassan (A)

Make a card

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY!

Imam Hassan



MARTYRDOM OF IMAM 'ALI (A)

By Syeda Hayaa Batool (Grade 9 Girls)

The term Kharijites came from the Arabic word Khawarij which means "those who left". It refers to a group of Muslims who were initially followers of Imam Ali (A), but later went against him and broke away from him.

Abdur Rahman bin Muljam was amongst the Kharijites who were consumed with the desire to kill Imam Ali (A), and was in quest of an opportunity to do so. By a coincidence, he met a Kharji woman, one Qattama, whose father and brothers had also been killed in Nehrwan, and she too had nursed an undying hatred of Imam Ali (A). Abdur Rahman fell in love with Qattama, and proposed marriage to her. She told him that the price of her hand was the head of Ali ibn Abi Talib (A). This only strengthened Abdur Rahman in his resolution.

Abdur Rahman bin Muljam carefully worked out his plans to kill Imam Ali (A). A few other trusted Kharjis also volunteered their services to him, and together they rehearsed the assassination. **Abdur Rahman bin Muljam took one extra precaution – he put his sword in deadly poison, and let it soak in it for three days.**

On the morning of the 19th of Ramadhan of the year 40 A.H., Imam Ali (A) came into the Great Mosque of Kufa, and recited the Adhaan (the call to prayer). He took his place in the mehrab, and moments later, the worshippers began to arrive. They stood behind him in jama'ah, and the prayer began. Standing in the front row, with other worshippers, were Abdur Rahman bin Muljam and his confederates. They were watching Ali's movements. In the folds of their cloaks, they were carrying swords burnished to a high sheen, and soaked in poison. *Just when Imam Ali (A) touched the ground with his forehead for sajda, Abdur Rahman bin Muljam stepped out of his row, and crept into the mehraab. And just when Ali (A) lifted his head from the ground, ibn Muljam struck the fatal blow at his forehead with such deadly force that it split open.*

Blood squirted from Ali's forehead in several jets, and he exclaimed: "By the Lord of the Kaaba, I am successful!" The members of the congregation realized what had happened, and as soon as they concluded the prayer, they surrounded him. His sons, Imam Hasan (A) and Husain (A), carried him to his house. A physician came, and tried to dress the ghastly wound but could not stop the bleeding. The blow of the sword was fatal anyway, but the poison from its blade was also spreading rapidly in his body.

The crime of assassinating Imam Ali (A) remains one of the cruelest, brutal and hideous acts in history - because it was not committed against one man, but against the whole rational Islamic leadership. By assassinating Imam Ali (A), they actually aimed at assassinating the message, the history, the culture and the nation of Muslims embodied in the person of Imam Ali bin Abi Talib (A). In doing so, the Islamic nation lost its guide of progress, and at the most wondrous opportunity in its life after the Holy Prophet (S).

Imam Ali (A) suffered from his wound for three days. During those three days, Ali (A) spent the time still left to him in prayer and devotions; in dictating his will; in giving instructions to his sons, ministers and generals regarding the conduct of the government; and in urging them all never to forget the old, the sick, the poor, the widows and the orphans at any time. Ali (A) declared that his elder son, Hasan (A), would succeed him as the head of the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth, and as the sovereign of all Muslims.

Though Ali (A) was steadily weakening from the loss of blood and from the action of poison, all his faculties were sharp and clear right to the last moment. To all those people who came to see him, he said that they ought to be aware, at all times, of the presence of their Creator in their lives, to love Him, to serve Him, and to serve His Creation. **Alas, the poison had done its work, and on the morning of the 21st of Ramadan of 40 A.H., Ali ibn Abi Talib (A) left this world to go into the presence of his Creator whom he had loved and served all his life. He was "God-intoxicated." His greatest ambition in life was to wait upon his Creator, every moment of his existence, and he realized it, and this is the meaning of his exclamation in the alcove of the mosque when he felt the edge of the sword at his forehead: "By the Lord of the Kaaba, I am successful."**

Hasan (A) and Husain (A) washed the body of their father, draped it in a shroud, offered the funeral prayers for it, and then buried it silently at midnight at Najaf Ashraf, at some distance from Kufa. Imam Ali (A), Islam's greatest saint, hero, statesman, philosopher and martyr, had left this world, and the world was not to find a man sublime like him for all eternity.

Such was the heroic end of this great man! The loss to the Mission and the nation was the gravest after the loss of the Holy Prophet (S). By the death of Imam Ali (A), the nation lost; Aaheroism that had become the song of the time; acourageous history that has never dreamt of its like; wisdom no one can fathom, except Allah; purity, the like of which was only in the prophets; an abstinence from the pleasures of life that could be attained only by the nearest to Allah; an eloquence such as to be the echo of the Book; and a jurisprudence, and a thorough knowledge of the laws of religion, that made him the 'gateway of the city' of the Prophet's knowledge, and the authority to whom the Islamic nation referred in all its affairs.



Peace be upon Amir al-Muminin (A),
the day he was born, the day he was martyred on his altar,
and the day he shall be raised alive!

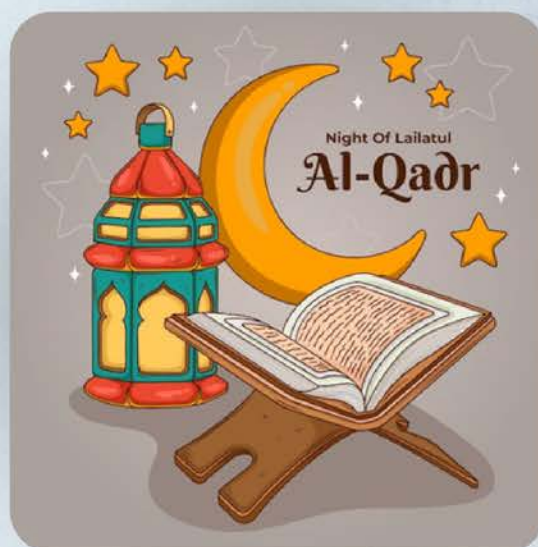
FROM BISMILLAH TO AN-NAAS

UNVEILING THE REVELATION OF THE HOLY QUR'AN

By Fatima Batool (Grade 12 Girls)

The Qur'an is the Holy Scripture of Muslims and the Words of God. It is a miracle that from the 'Ba' of Bismillah to the 'Seen' of 'An-Nas' (the last Word of the Qur'an) was revealed to Prophet Muhammad (S) word by word.

We believe that the Quran is the only book that has not changed ever since its revelation was completed. As the Infallible Imams are protecting this Holy book, they have tried to tell us the significance, value and tafseer of the Surahs at countless occasions.



The term used in the Qur'an for revelation is 'al-Wahy'. Al-Wahy literally means a quick and mysterious way of communication.

The Qur'an was revealed to the Prophet of Islam from the beginning of his mission to the end of his life, that is from the 27th Rajab in the 40th year of his life up to the 28th Safar (or 12th Rabi'u 'l-Awwal) 11 A.H - a total span of 22 years 5 months 1day (or 15 days).

The first revelation was the first five verses of surah Iqra' which begins with the words "Read" or Iqraa'. And the last verse connected with the shari'ah, revealed on Ghadeer e Khum:

الْيَوْمَ أَكْمَلْتُ لَكُمْ دِينَكُمْ وَأَتِمَمْتُ عَلَيْكُمْ نِعْمَتِي وَرَضِيتُ لَكُمُ الْإِسْلَامَ دِينًا

"This day have I perfected your religion for you, completed my favor upon you, and have chosen for you Islam as your religion" (5:3)

Although the first revelation to Prophet Muhammad (S) occurred in the cave of Hira at Mount Noor, there was never any restrictions of the times or places for receiving revelations. Sometimes he was receiving revelations whilst he was eating, praying, on the pulpit, riding his horse, etc. The revelation was also sometimes foretelling the future (30:2,3) or it would reveal after occasions or incidents, like the revelation about the Battle of Uhud (3:121-180) or the Battle of Bani-Nadheer (59:2-10). Sometimes he was asked a question and instantly the answer would be revealed to him (48:1-4), but in some other occasions it took more than a month for an answer to be revealed to him.

The Quran has been given so much significance that it was revealed in the best of months and is given the title of the best of nights. Laylatul Qadr is a celebration to commemorate the arrival of the final guidance for humans. It is a tribute to the commencement of the message revealed to mankind by their Creator, a message which shows them the way to achieve happiness in both the worlds.

Just as the arrival of a child is celebrated, on its birth and then every year, as a bringer of joy and fulfilment for the family, Laylatul Qadr is celebrated as a bringer of light and guidance for mankind.

Unlike the birthday which is celebrated with a feast for the senses, Laylatul Qadr includes a feast for the spirit, a feast of worship and prayers.

Some Ahadeeth indicate that the fate of every believer for the coming year is decreed on this night. That is why the Du`as for this night ask for special favors in the decree for the year. Believers are encouraged to stay awake the entire night, and pray for blessings and forgiveness. It is the holiest night of the year, and it would be unwise to be heedless of the tremendous benefits of this night.

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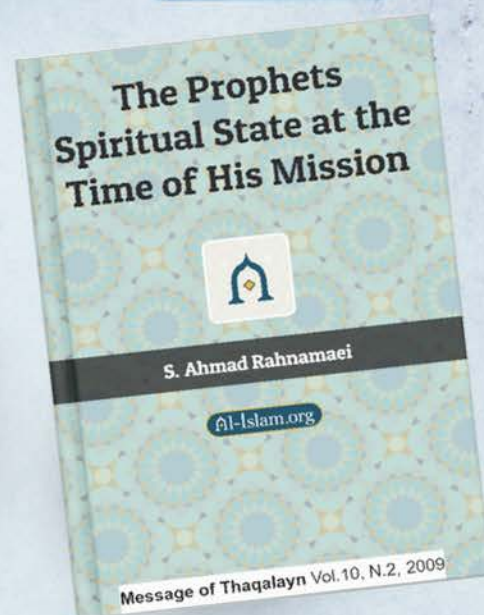
 **Book:** The Prophets Spiritual State at the Time of His Mission

 **By:** S. Ahmad Rahnamaei

 **Description:** In this paper the author studies some major aspects of the life of the Prophet Muhammad at the beginning of his mission, especially the way he received revelation from Allah (SWT). The author discusses in detail this part of the Prophet's life from both Shi'a and Sunni sources (which are well referenced)


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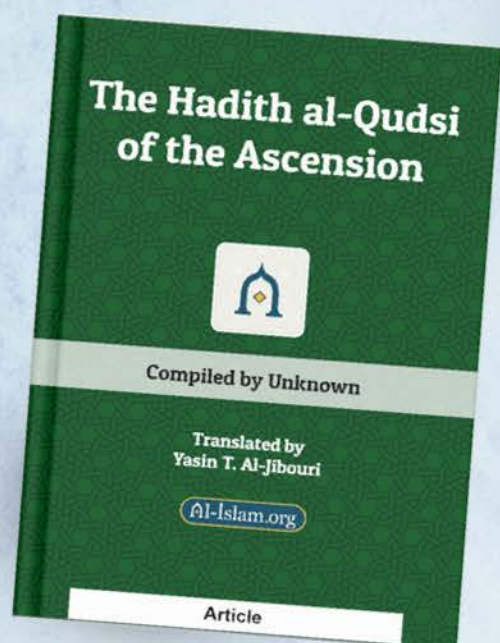
 **Book:** The Hadith al-Qudsi of the Ascension

 **By:** Yasin T. Al-Jibouri

 **Description:** Hadith Al Qudsi are the Sacred traditions or reports. Also called hadith rabbani or hadith e ilaahi (divine hadith), it refers to a sayings of the Prophet Muhammad (SAWW) in which the meaning is revealed by Allah (SWT) directly, and the phrasing is formulated by the Prophet. Unlike prophetic hadith (hadith nabawi), the chain of transmission is traced back directly to Allah (SWT) instead of ending with the Prophet. In contrast to the Qur'an, which is considered divine revelation in both meaning and wording, the authenticity of Hadith Al Qudsi varies from one narration to another, and they may not be recited in prayer. They function as extra-Qur'anic revelation. The article Hadith Al Qudsi of the Ascension has been extracted from al-Daylami's book Irshad al Quloob. The author of the article Al-Jibouri, has compiled the beautiful divine dialogue between the Holy Prophet (SAWW) and Allah (SWT)- with profound messages for the believers at the time of the Holy Prophet's Mi'raaj (Ascension).

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FUN & CRAFTS

(ATF)

Sadaqah for Imam

LET'S ENJOY SOME CRAFT TIME!



Imam Mehdi (ajtf) has said:
Pray for my reappearance, as their victory depends on it.

One of the best ways to pray for Imam (ajtf) is to give sadaqah for his safety and his quick Re-appearance.

With the help of an adult design a Sadaqah Box using low cost or no cost material and make a habit of putting Sadaqah in it every morning.



REFLECTIONS (TAFAKKUR)

Imam Al Mahdi (ATF)

Lets Reflect



The Prophet (s) said,

"The Mehdi is from my family, from the sons of Fatima."

IMAM MEHDI (AJTF) has said;

As to the benefit of my existence in ghaibat, it is like the benefit of the sun behind clouds where the eyes do not see

If IMAM MEHDI AJTF is always thinking of us... are we???

Let's make a list of things we **DO** for OUR IMAM MEHDI (AJTF)



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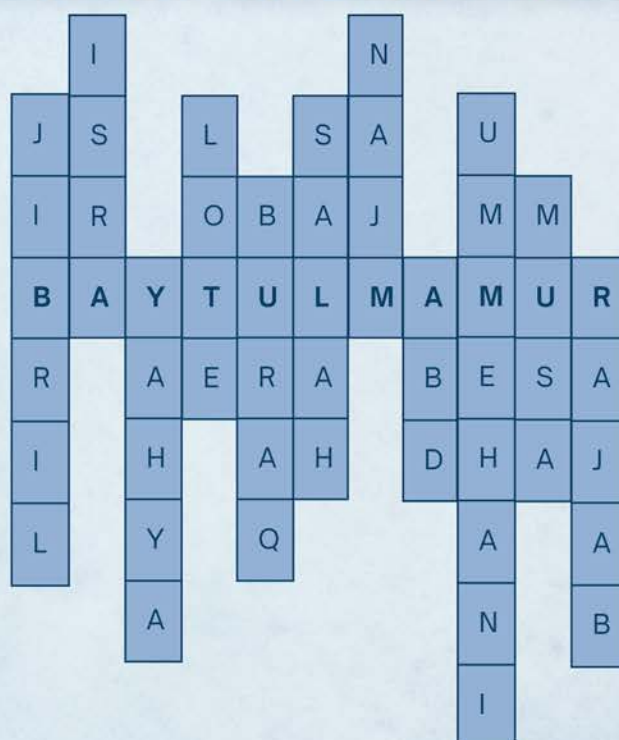
Eid Mubarak!

How many can you find?



Answer Sheet

FUN & ACTIVITY: SHAB E MI'RAAJ CROSSWORD



HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW ABOUT PRINCESS SAKINA (S)

1. 20th Rajab, 57 A.H. in Medina
2. Sukayna and Ruqaiyya
3. Imra al Qays
4. Hazrat Abbas (as)
5. A pair of earrings each
6. Umme Habeeba, as former servant in the house of Bibi Zainab
7. Bibi Fatima
8. She covered her face with her hands because her hair was too short to cover her face.
9. Where were you my Baba?
10. Imam Zainulabideen (as)

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